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THE HEDGEHOG



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**SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG**
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(CURRENTLY KIDNAPPED)
WORLD RESTORING SPIRIT



GEMERL
ADVANCED BATTLE
ANDROID



DR. EGGMAN
MAD GENIUS

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THE STORY SO FAR...

EVIL AMBUSH

Sonic and his friends, the Freedom Fighters, were on the verge of fixing their shattered planet... but then Dr. Eggman struck with his master plan!

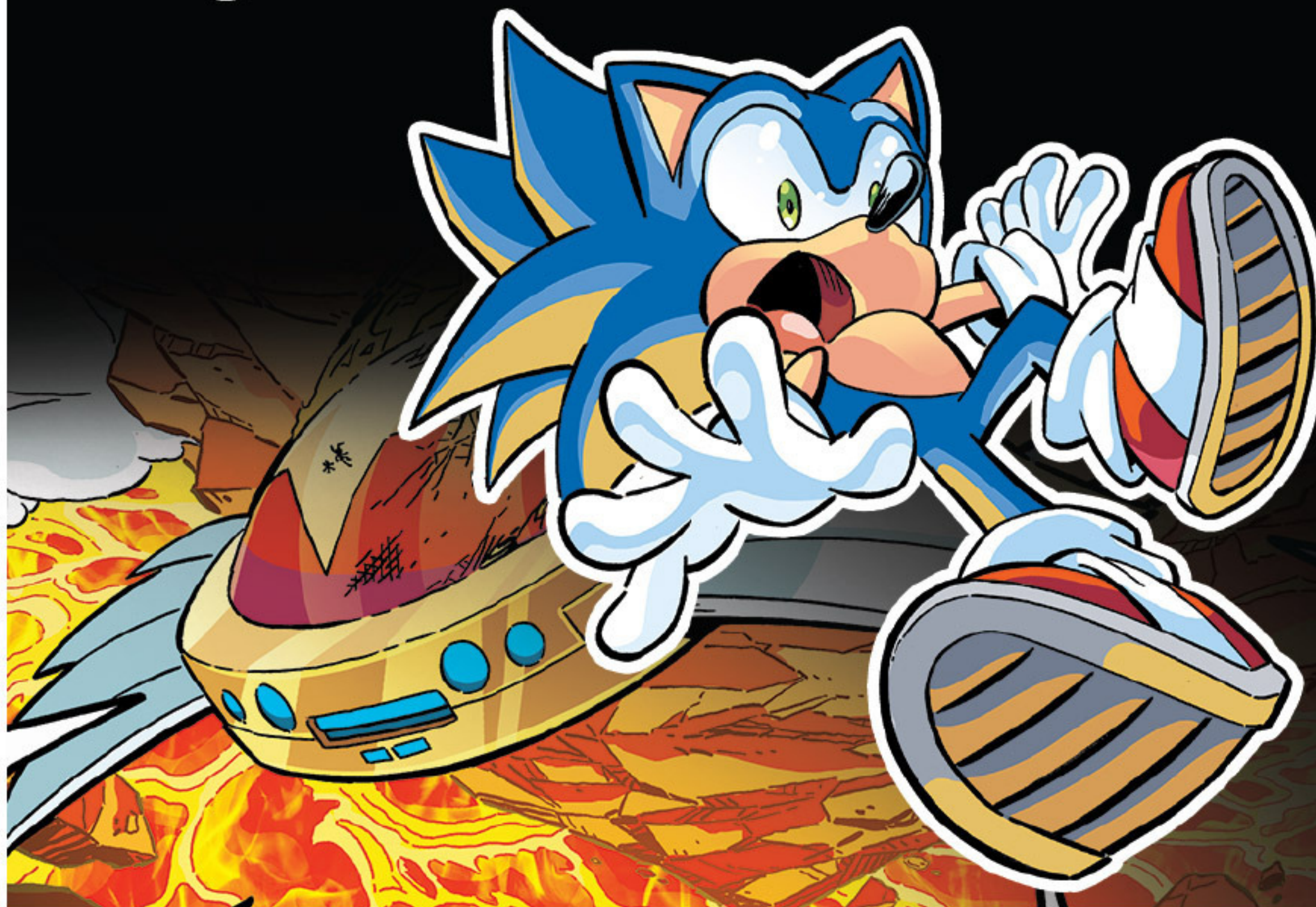


Eggman sent his forces to invade Mobotropolis and steal the Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Keys. Metal Sonic escaped with the mystical items while the other villains distracted the city's protector, Gemerl.

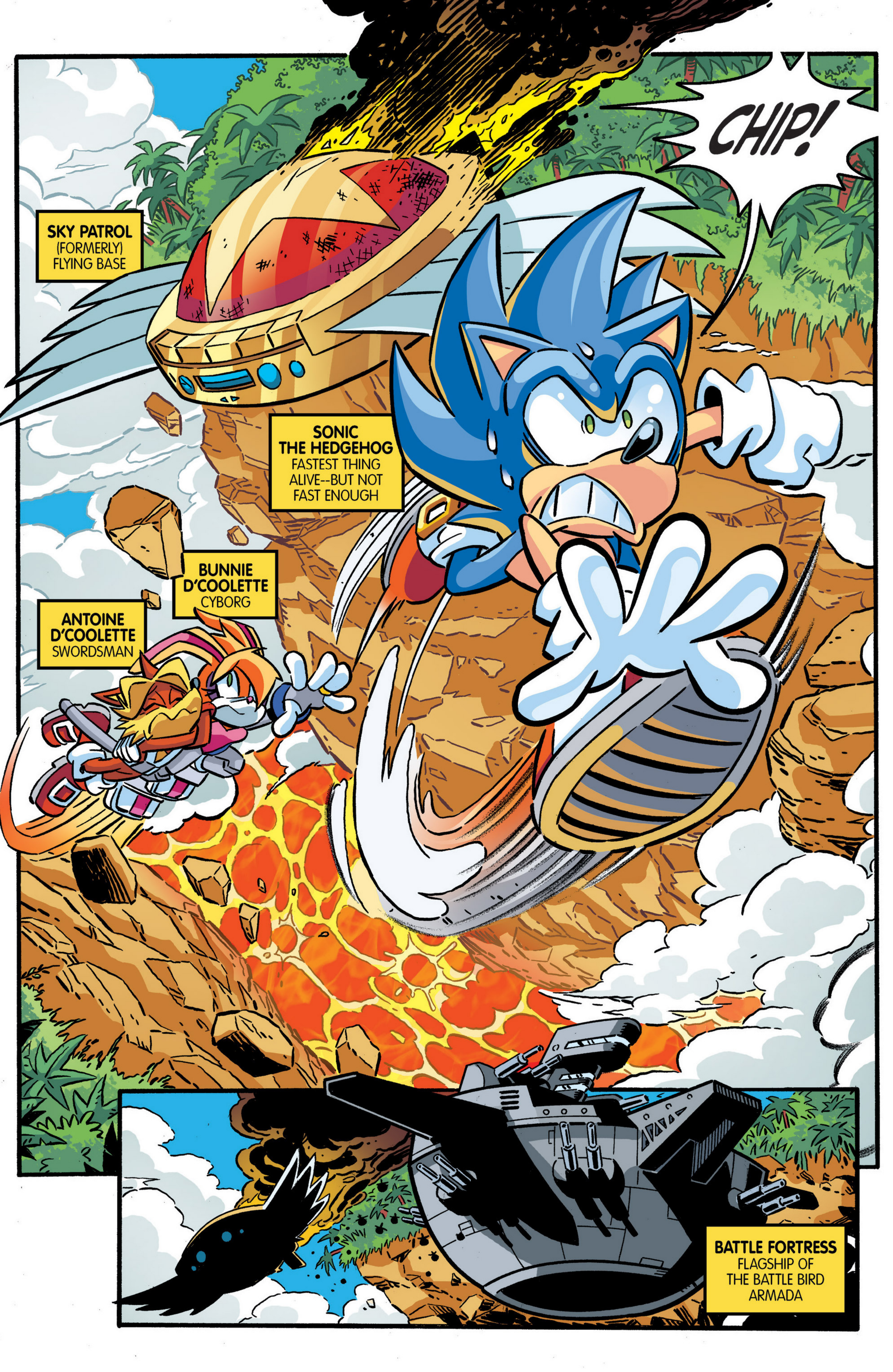
Meanwhile, the vicious program Phage invaded the systems of the Freedom Fighters' flying base, the Sky Patrol. She baited Nicole into using the power of the Red Star Ring for too long, until Nicole's hand-held overheated.

With Nicole preoccupied, the Battle Bird Armada ambushed the weakened Sky Patrol, blowing up its engines and kidnapping Chip.

The Sky Patrol is now in freefall, with Sonic and the Freedom Fighters falling with it...



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CHIP!

SKY PATROL
(FORMERLY)
FLYING BASE

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING
ALIVE--BUT NOT
FAST ENOUGH

BUNNIE
D'COOLETTE
CYBORG

ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
SWORDSMAN



BATTLE FORTRESS
FLAGSHIP OF
THE BATTLE BIRD
ARMADA

ABOARD THE
BATTLE
FORTRESS...

SHOULDN'T
WE CLOSE IN
FOR THE KILL,
FATHER?

NOTHING WOULD
PLEASE ME MORE,
BUT DR. EGGMAN
HAS US ON A STRICT
TIMETABLE.

BATTLE
KUKKU XV
LEADER OF
THE ARMADA

CHIP
LIGHT GAIA
SPIRIT

SPEEDY
BATTLE
KUKKU XVI

NO!
NO!
SONIC!
EVERY-
BODY!

HURRY!
WE'VE
GOTTA--!

HOLD ON!
AH CAN'T--!

WE ARE
ALL FALLING
TO OUR
DOOM!

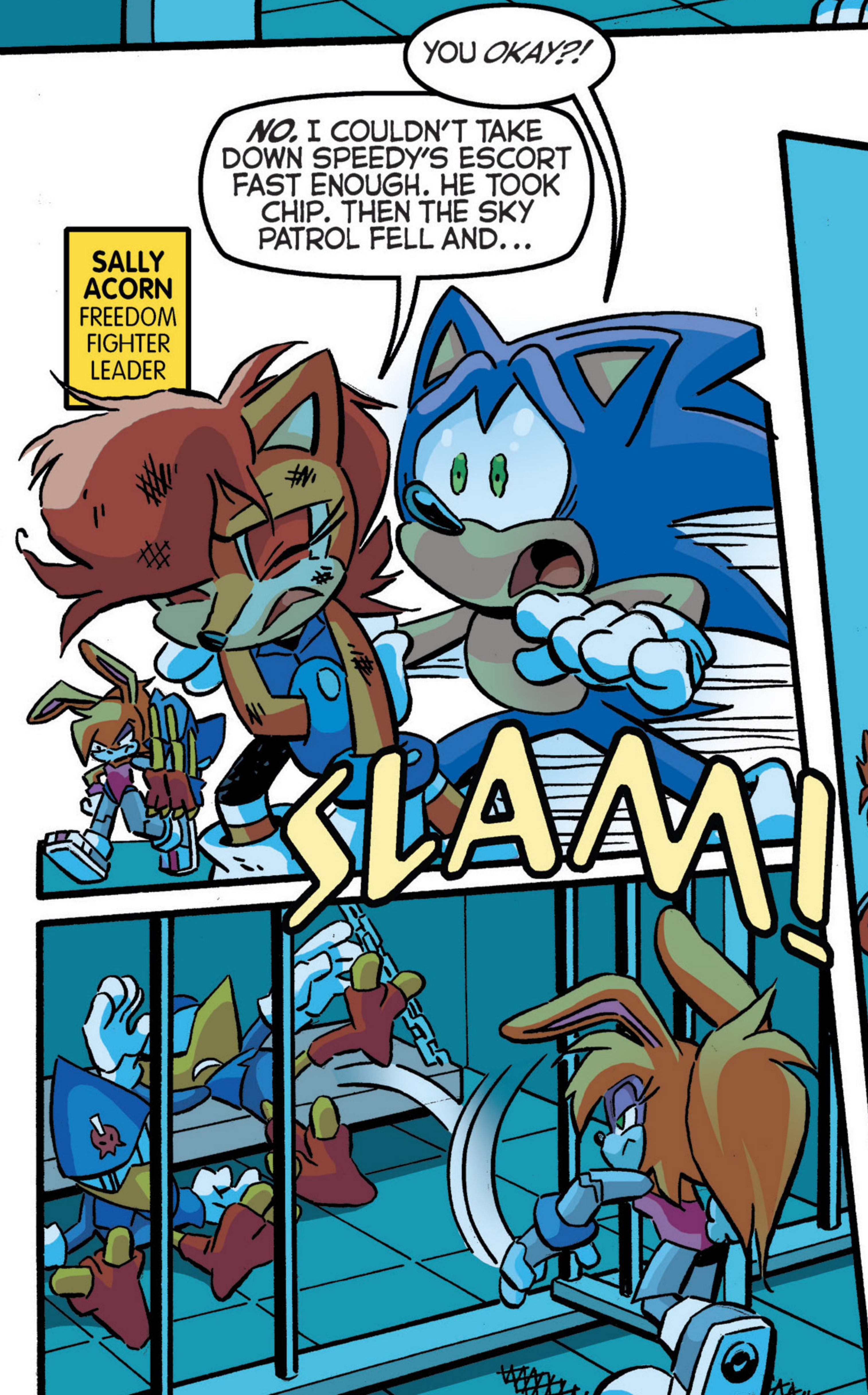
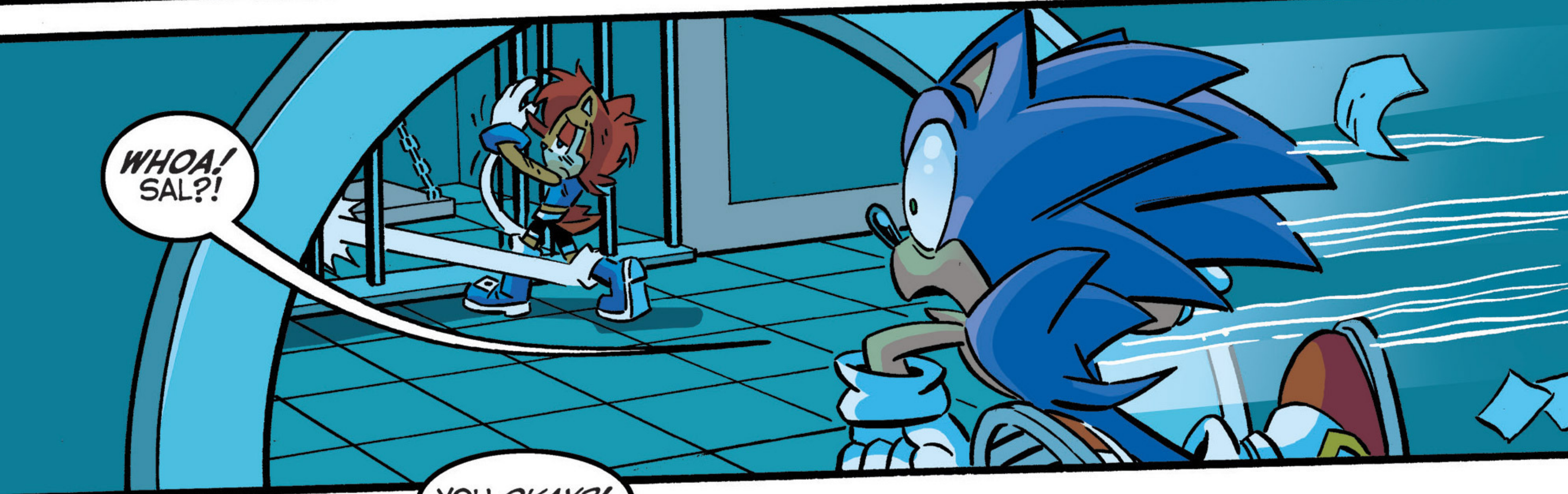
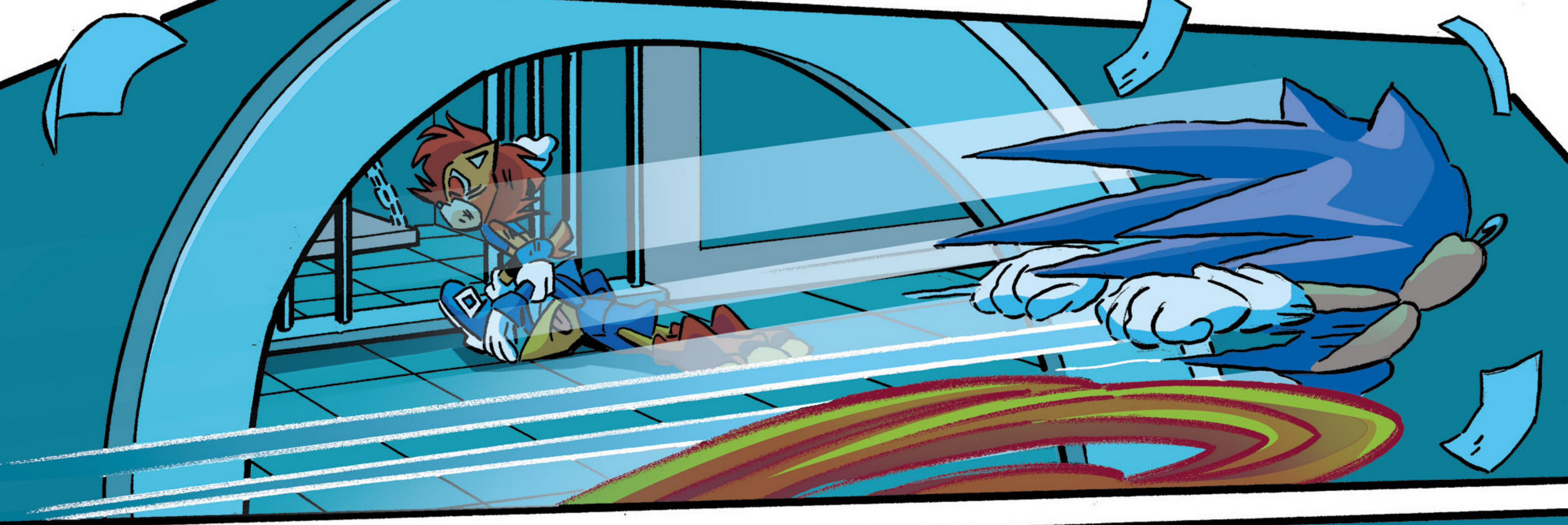
CLUNK!

BWOOOSH!

SWEET! LOOKS LIKE OUR
TECH GENIUSES GOT US AIR-
BORNE AGAIN! LET'S CHECK
ON EVERYONE, AND THEN
CATCH US UP TO THOSE
FEATHER-BRAINS!

SO...
NO DOOM,
THEN?







OMOCHAO
ROBO-CHAO

AND...
UH... I NEED
ANOTHER
ENERGY CELL!
FETCH,
T-PUP!

ROTOR THE
WALRUS
MECHANIC

IS
EVERY-
ONE
OKAY
DOWN
HERE?

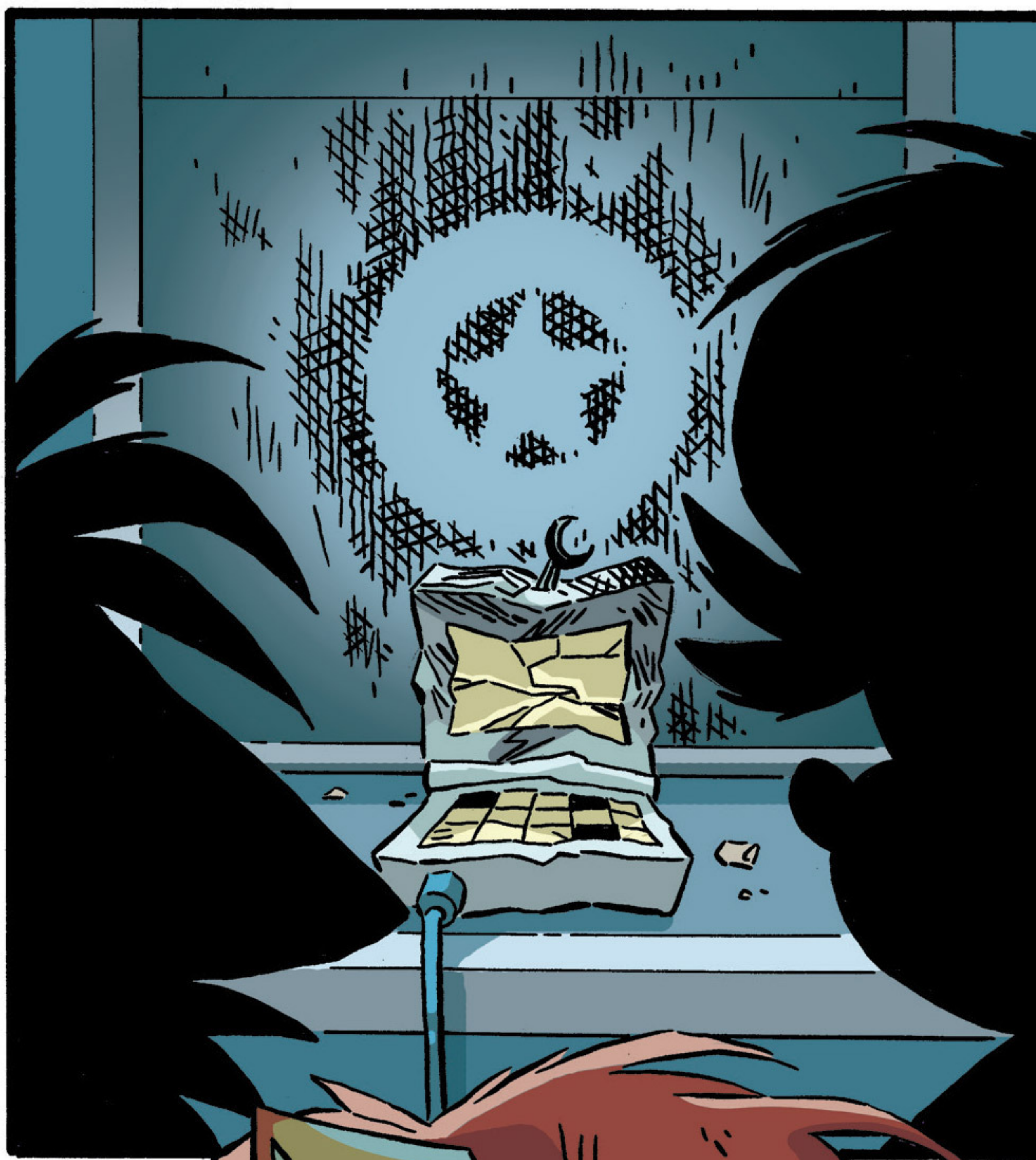
NO! I'VE JUST STARTED
DAMAGE CONTROL! WE'RE
BANGED UP, I'VE GOT *NO*
IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON,
AND NICOLE...!

NICOLE...?

T-PUP
ROBO-DOG

I-I'M SORRY, SALLY. SHE
ASKED ME FOR THE RED STAR
RING. JUST LIKE LAST TIME!
I... I DIDN'T KNOW IT
WOULD...

MILES "TAILS"
PROWER
YOUNG GENIUS





YOW!

I am here.
Sky Patrol's
systems are a mess.
Doing what I can.
Thrusters online at least.
Need to concentrate.
Take care.

SHRRK

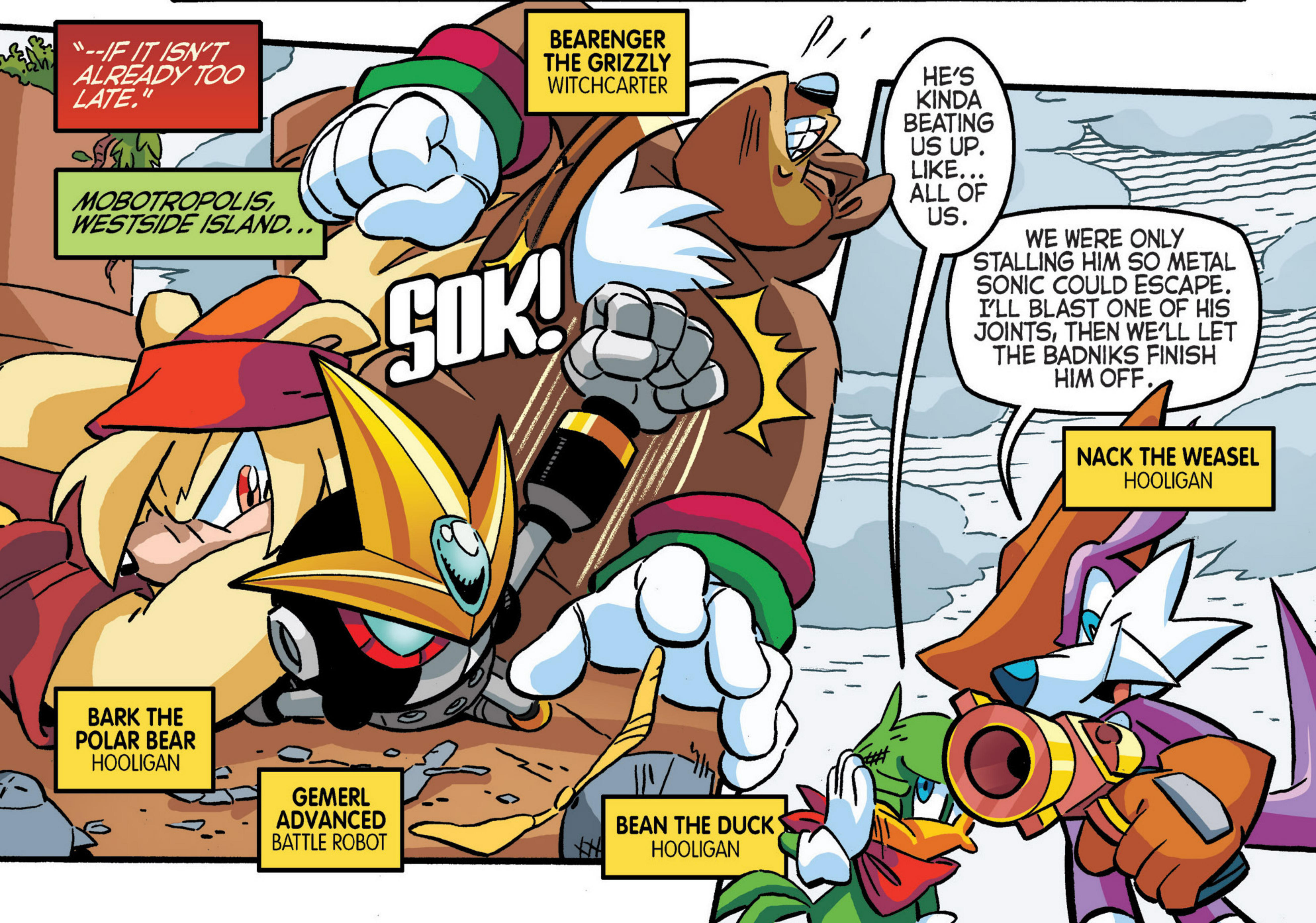
OKAY...SO WE'RE
AIRBORNE AND
STABLE, THANKS TO
NICOLE. WHAT ABOUT
THE ENGINES?

AH SAW 'EM
WHILE WE WERE
OUTSIDE. THE
ARMADA BLEW
THEM UP.

I'LL HELP NICOLE
GET OUR SYSTEMS
BACK ONLINE.
EVERYTHING'S IN
SUCH BAD SHAPE,
WHERE SHOULD I
START?

LONG-RANGE
COMMUNICATIONS.
EGGMAN HAD TAILS
DOLL SPYING ON US
THIS WHOLE TIME.
HE'LL **KNOW** WHERE
WE WERE HIDING THE
CHAOS EMERALDS
AND GAIA KEYS.

WE'VE
GOT TO
WARN MY
FATHER AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE--



--IF IT ISN'T
ALREADY TOO
LATE."

MOBOTROPOLIS,
WESTSIDE ISLAND...

BEARENGER
THE GRIZZLY
WITCHCARTER

GOK!

HE'S
KINDA
BEATING
US UP.
LIKE...
ALL OF
US.

WE WERE ONLY
STALLING HIM SO METAL
SONIC COULD ESCAPE.
I'LL BLAST ONE OF HIS
JOINTS, THEN WE'LL LET
THE BADNIKS FINISH
HIM OFF.

NACK THE WEASEL
HOOLIGAN

BARK THE
POLAR BEAR
HOOLIGAN

GEMERL
ADVANCED
BATTLE ROBOT

BEAN THE DUCK
HOOLIGAN

CHEESE
HEROIC CHAO

CREAM THE
RABBIT
YOUNG HERO

YOU
LET GO OF
MISTER
GEMERL!
**RIGHT!
NOW!**

THANKS
FOR THE
SAVE,
KIDDO.

CARROTIA
THE RABBIT
WITCHCARTER

FALKE WULF
WITCHCARTER

BIG THE CAT
NAME SAYS IT ALL

OHOO, NO! I AM **NOT**
DEALING WITH FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TODAY!
HOOLIGANS! WITCH-
CARTERS! LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE!

BADNIK
HORDE! ATTACK
THE CITY AND
COVER US!

HOLD IT,
CREAM.

BUT WE CAN'T
LET THEM GET
AWAY, MISTER
GEMERL!

I DON'T LIKE IT,
EITHER. BUT THERE'RE
ABOUT A HUNDRED
BADNIKS STILL IN THE
CITY.

WE'VE
GOT TO
PROTECT THE
CITIZENS
FIRST!

Y-YES...
OF COURSE.
I'M SORRY.

GEMERL TO SKY
PATROL--WHERE ARE
YOU GUYS?! METAL
SONIC GOT AWAY
WITH THE EMERALDS
AND KEYS.

I'M WITH CREAM
AND BIG. WE'RE
GOING TO SECURE
THE CITY AND
CHECK ON THE
KING. I'LL TRY
CALLING AGAIN
WHEN THINGS ARE
LESS CRAZY.

BACK ON THE
SKY PATROL...

I'M GOING OUTSIDE TO SEE
HOW BAD THE ENGINES ARE.
SONIC--CAN YOU GRAB SOME
ESSENTIALS AND--?

AH'LL COME, TOO.
AH AIN'T A MECHANIC,
BUT AH CAN FOLLOW
DIRECTIONS.

I DUNNO WHAT'S
"ESSENTIAL"...! I'LL JUST
KEEP RUNNING BETWEEN
HERE AND THE ENGINES AND
KEEP YOU SUPPLIED.

ANTOINE, CAN YOU GET ME AN
ASPIRIN? THEN I NEED YOU TO
BE ON STAND-BY FOR WHATEVER
TAILS NEEDS.

OF COURSE!

WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO
ABOUT CHIP,
THOUGH? AND
THE ARMADA?
AND EGGMAN?

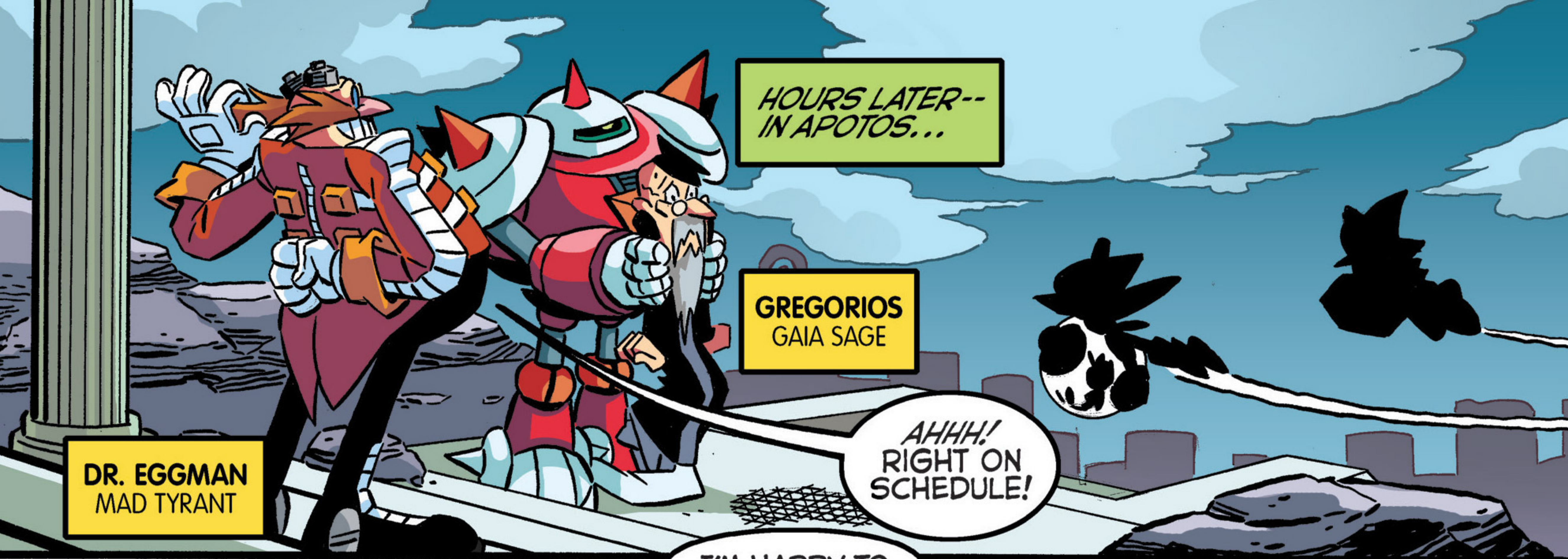
I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME
EGGMAN KNOWS ALL ABOUT OUR
PLANS TO USE THE GAIA GATE.
HE'LL BE HEADING FOR APOTOS.

HE'LL NEED THE ARMADA TO
DELIVER CHIP TO HIM. AND IN
THE WORST CASE SCENARIO, HE'S
ALREADY STRUCK MOBOTROPOLIS.
HE'LL NEED THE EMERALDS AND
KEYS BROUGHT TO HIM, TOO. THAT
WILL TAKE TIME. TIME WE CAN USE.

"NICOLE IS GIVING
EVERYTHING SHE'S GOT
TO KEEP SKY PATROL
GOING. LET'S NOT
WASTE HER EFFORTS."

MEANWHILE, I'M GOING TO
TAKE ONE OF YOUR TABLETS
AND FIND OUT *EXACTLY* WHAT
TAILS DOLL KNOWS.

"ROTOR'S TEAM CAN HOPE-
FULLY GET US MOVING AGAIN.
WE'LL TRY TO INTERCEPT EGG-
MAN AT THE GAIA GATE."

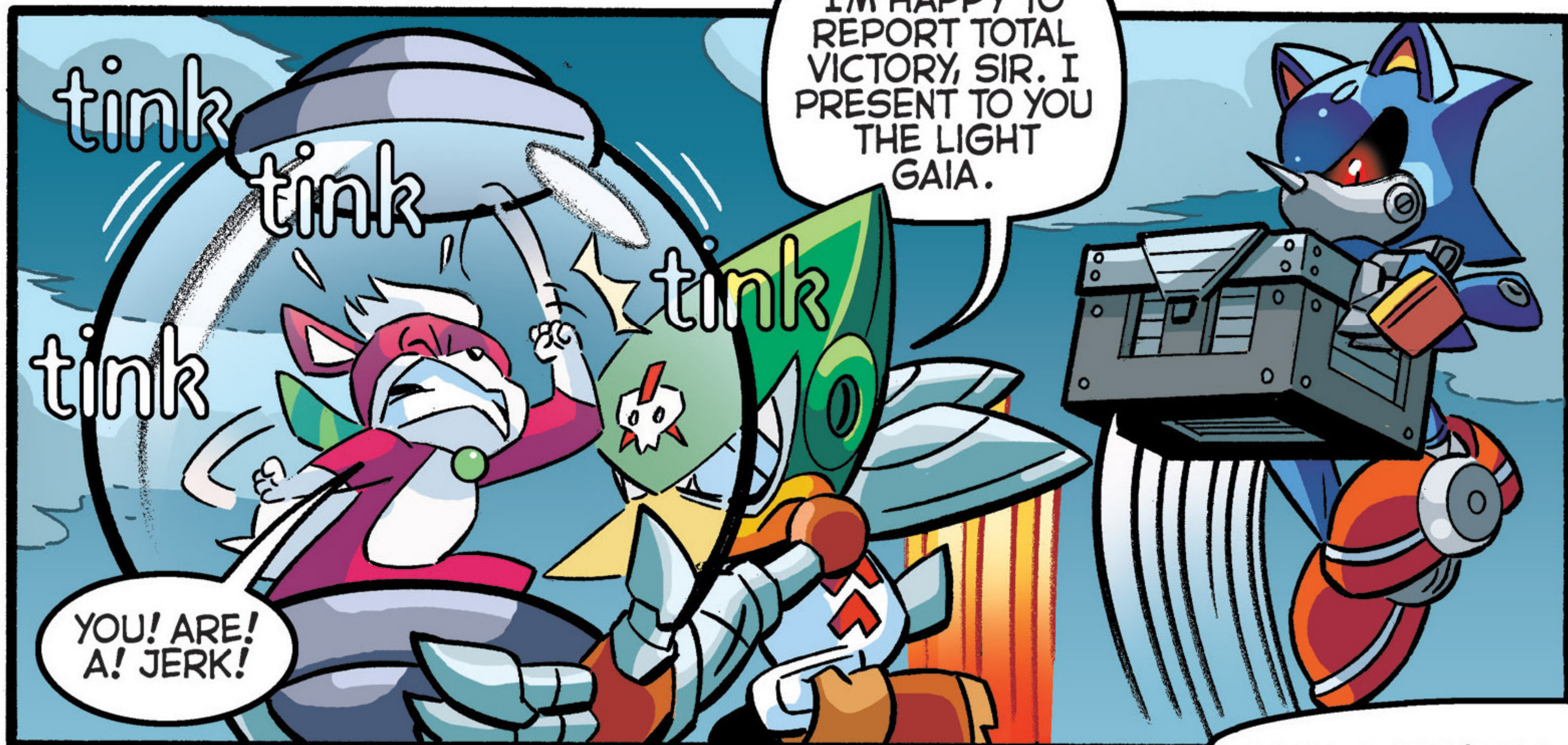


DR. EGGMAN
MAD TYRANT

GREGORIOS
GAIA SAGE

HOURS LATER--
IN APOTOS...

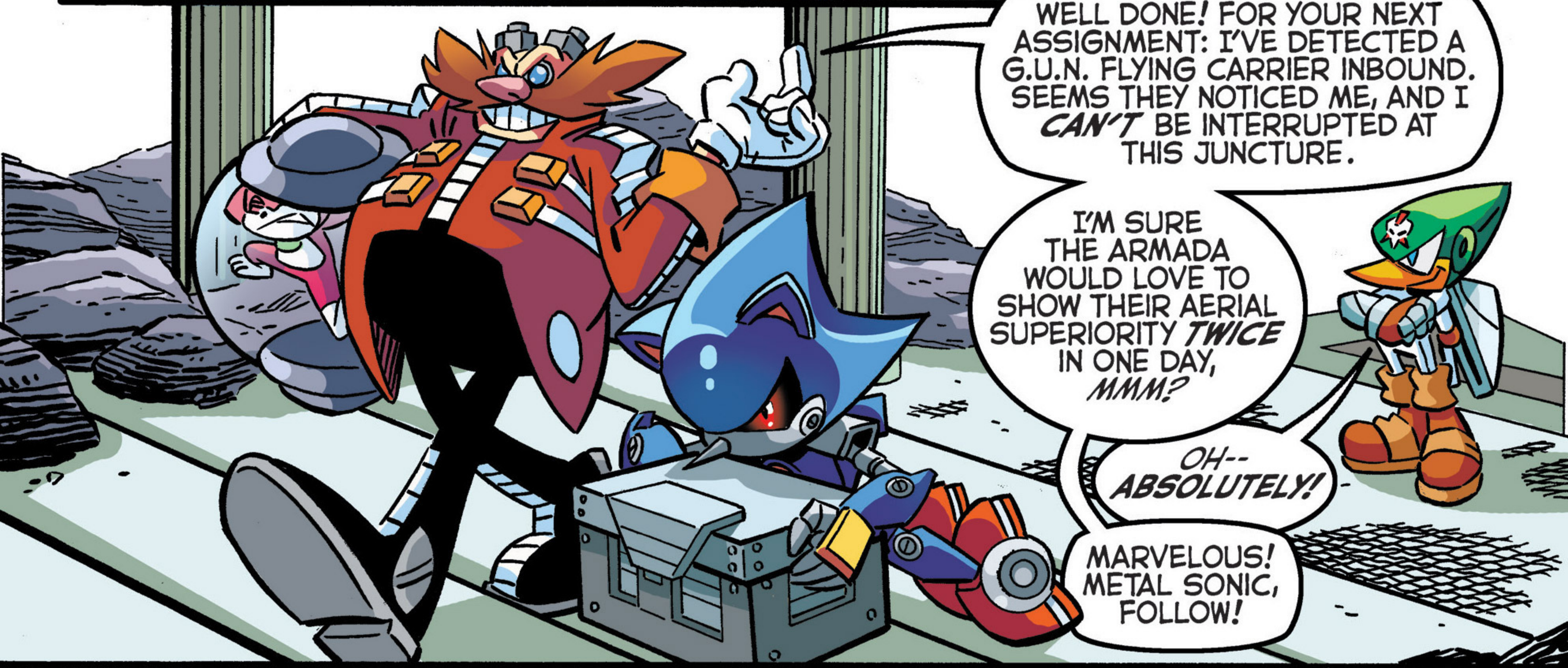
AHHH!
RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE!



I'M HAPPY TO
REPORT TOTAL
VICTORY, SIR. I
PRESENT TO YOU
THE LIGHT
GAIA.

tink
tink
tink

YOU! ARE!
A! JERK!

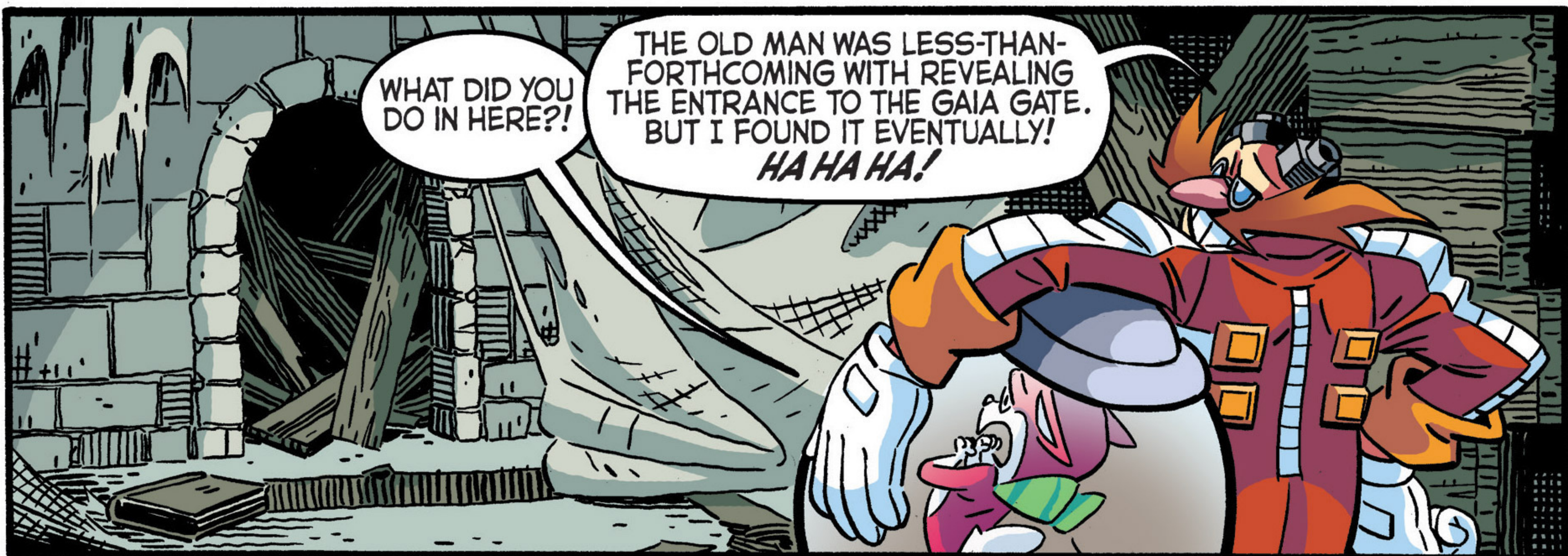


WELL DONE! FOR YOUR NEXT
ASSIGNMENT: I'VE DETECTED A
G.U.N. FLYING CARRIER INBOUND.
SEEMS THEY NOTICED ME, AND I
CAN'T BE INTERRUPTED AT
THIS JUNCTURE.

I'M SURE
THE ARMADA
WOULD LOVE TO
SHOW THEIR AERIAL
SUPERIORITY *TWICE*
IN ONE DAY,
MMM?

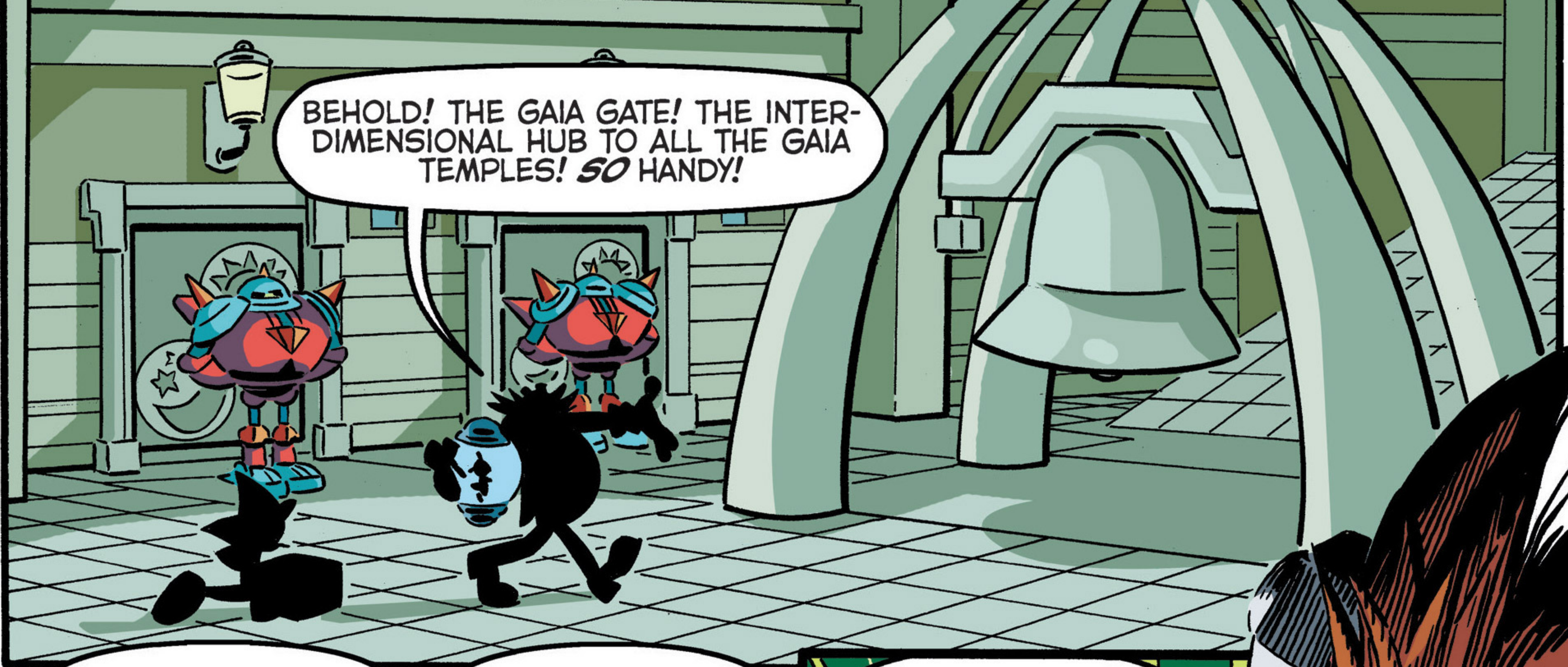
OH--
ABSOLUTELY!

MARVELOUS!
METAL SONIC,
FOLLOW!



WHAT DID YOU
DO IN HERE?!

THE OLD MAN WAS LESS-THAN-
FORTHCOMING WITH REVEALING
THE ENTRANCE TO THE GAIA GATE.
BUT I FOUND IT EVENTUALLY!
HA HA HA!

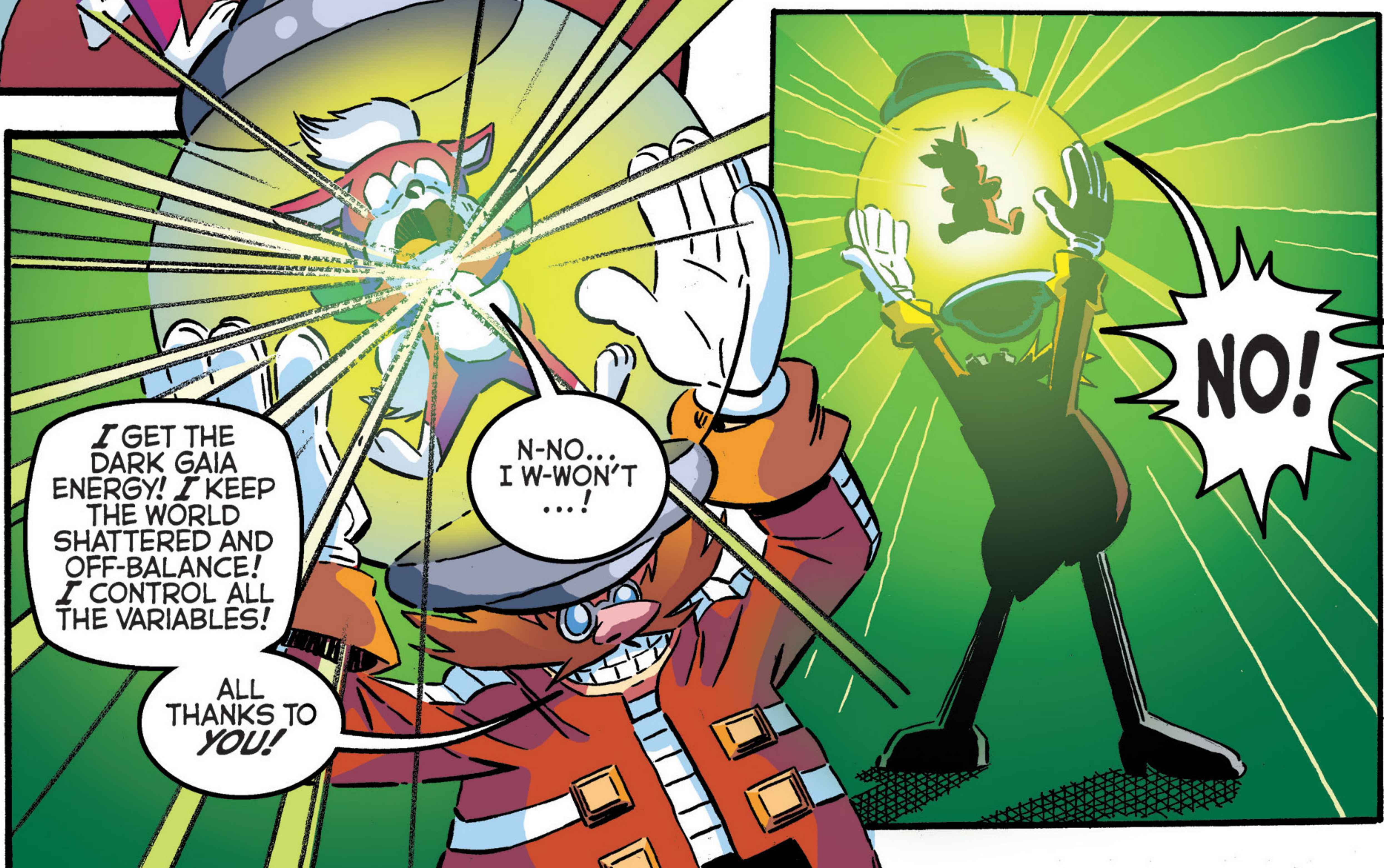
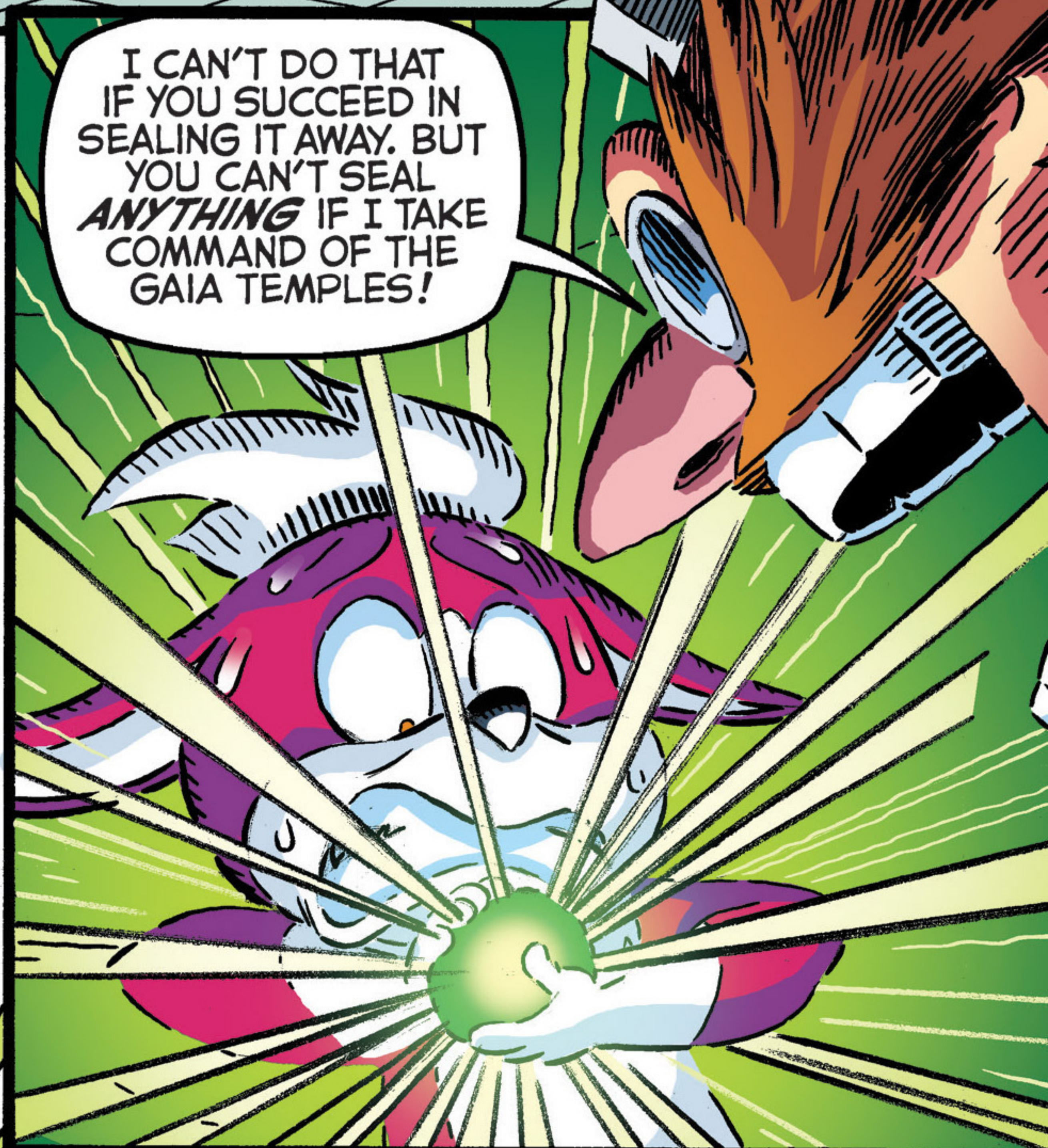
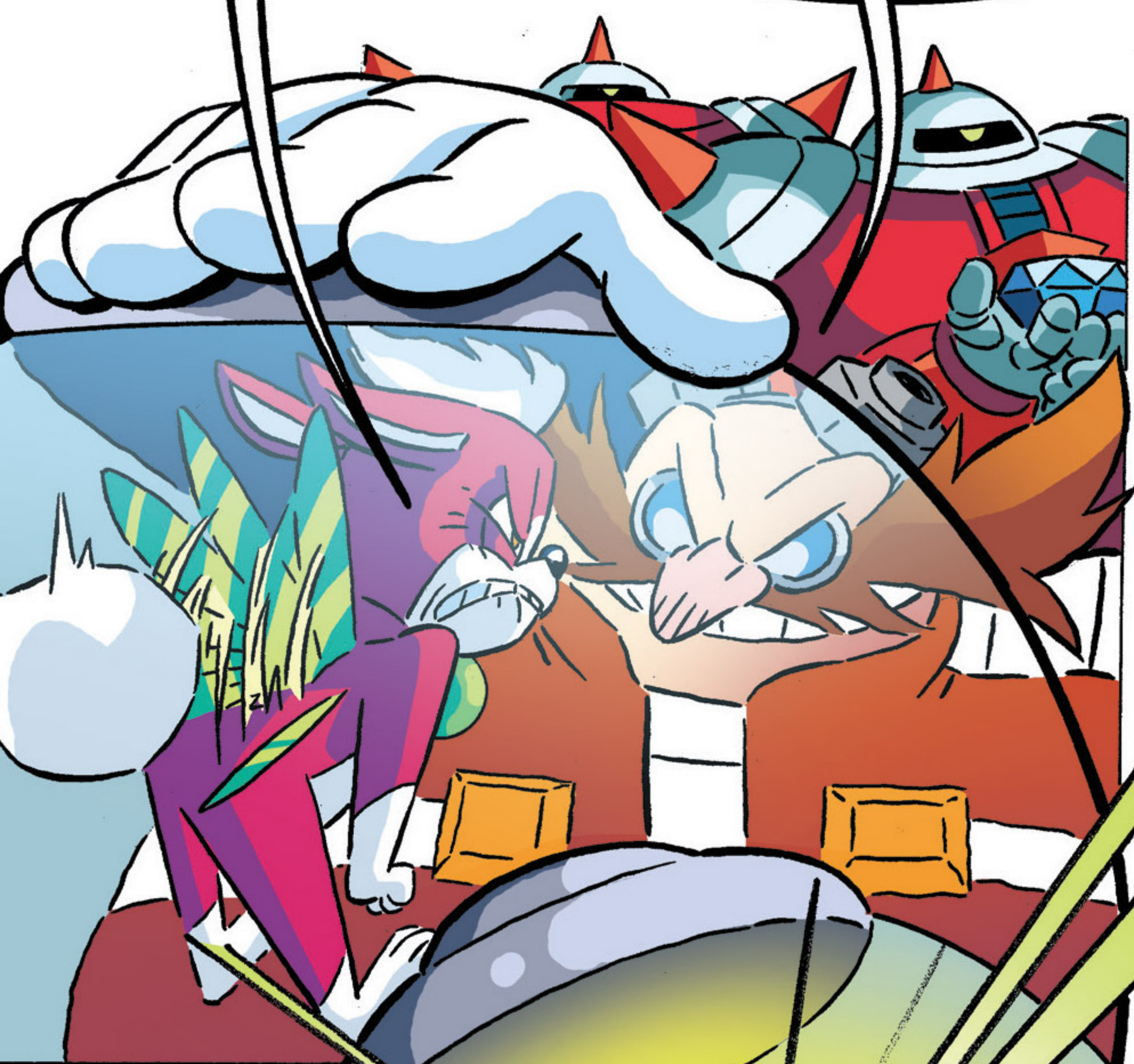


BEHOLD! THE GAIA GATE! THE INTER-DIMENSIONAL HUB TO ALL THE GAIA TEMPLES! *SO* HANDY!

IF YOU WANTED TO STOP DARK GAIA, YOU SHOULD'VE JUST LET ME, SONIC, AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DO IT!

OH-HO-HO! YOU MISUNDERSTAND! I WANT TO *USE* DARK GAIA TO FUEL THE DEATH EGG FOR ALL TIME!

I CAN'T DO THAT IF YOU SUCCEED IN SEALING IT AWAY. BUT YOU CAN'T SEAL *ANYTHING* IF I TAKE COMMAND OF THE GAIA TEMPLES!

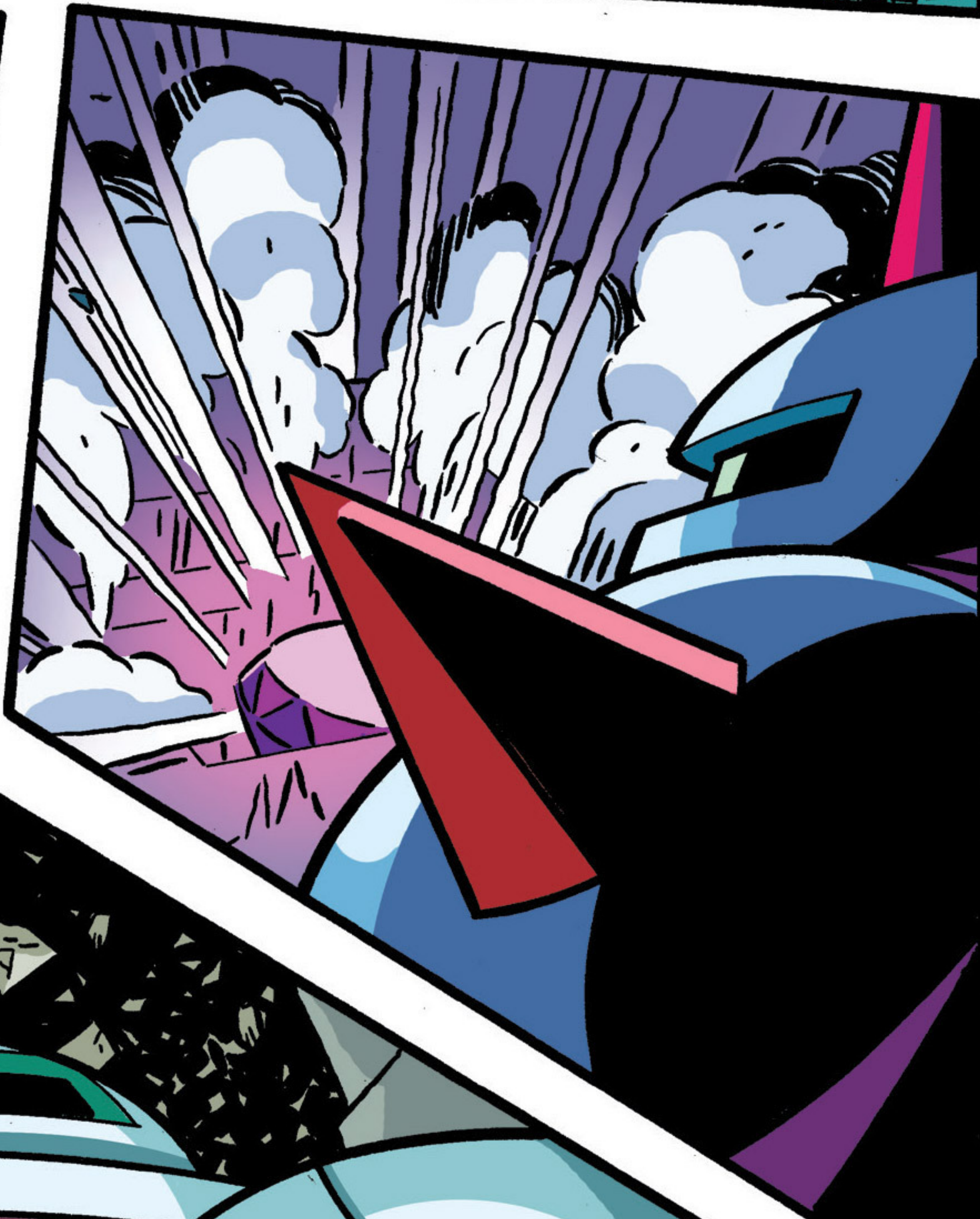
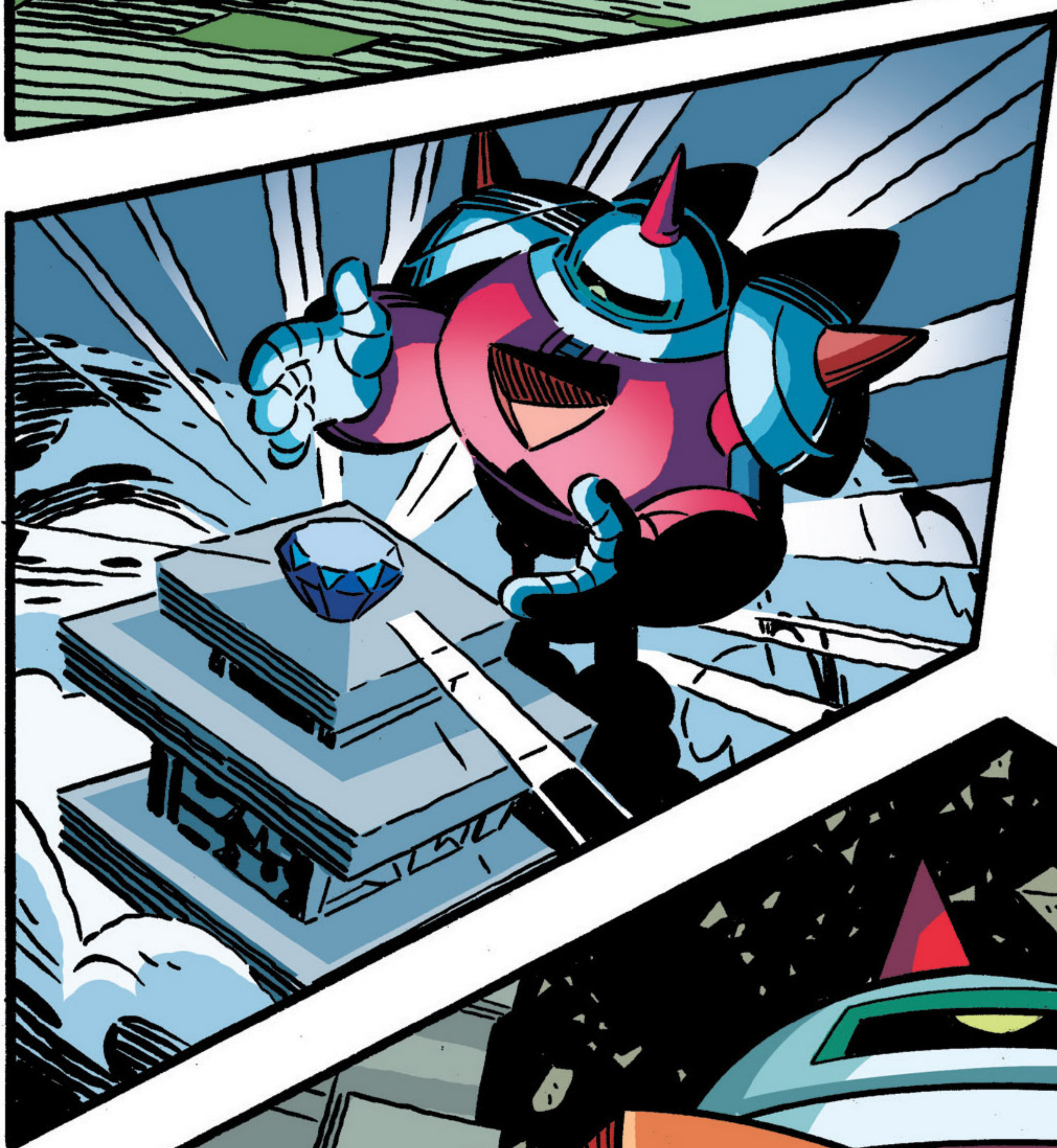
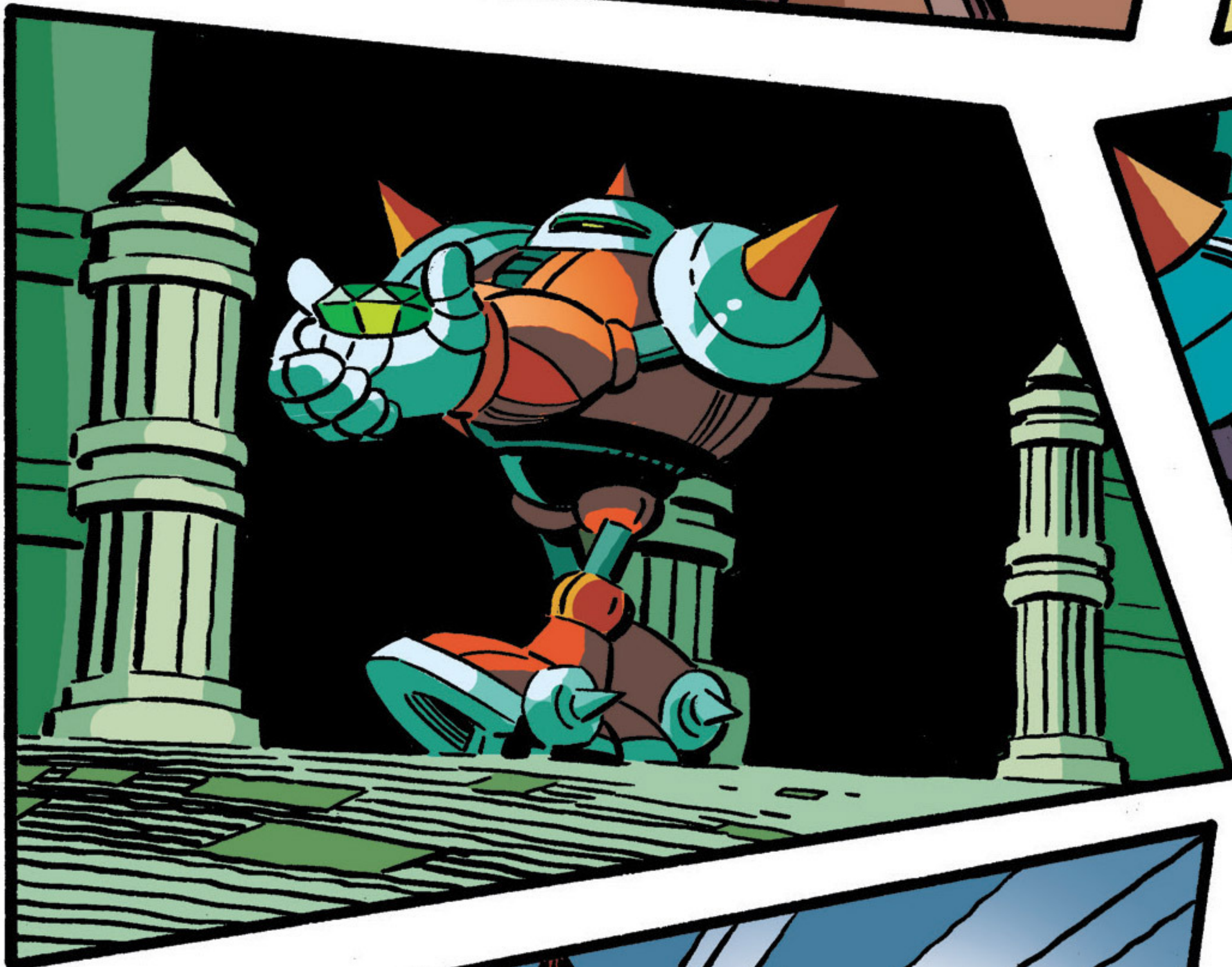
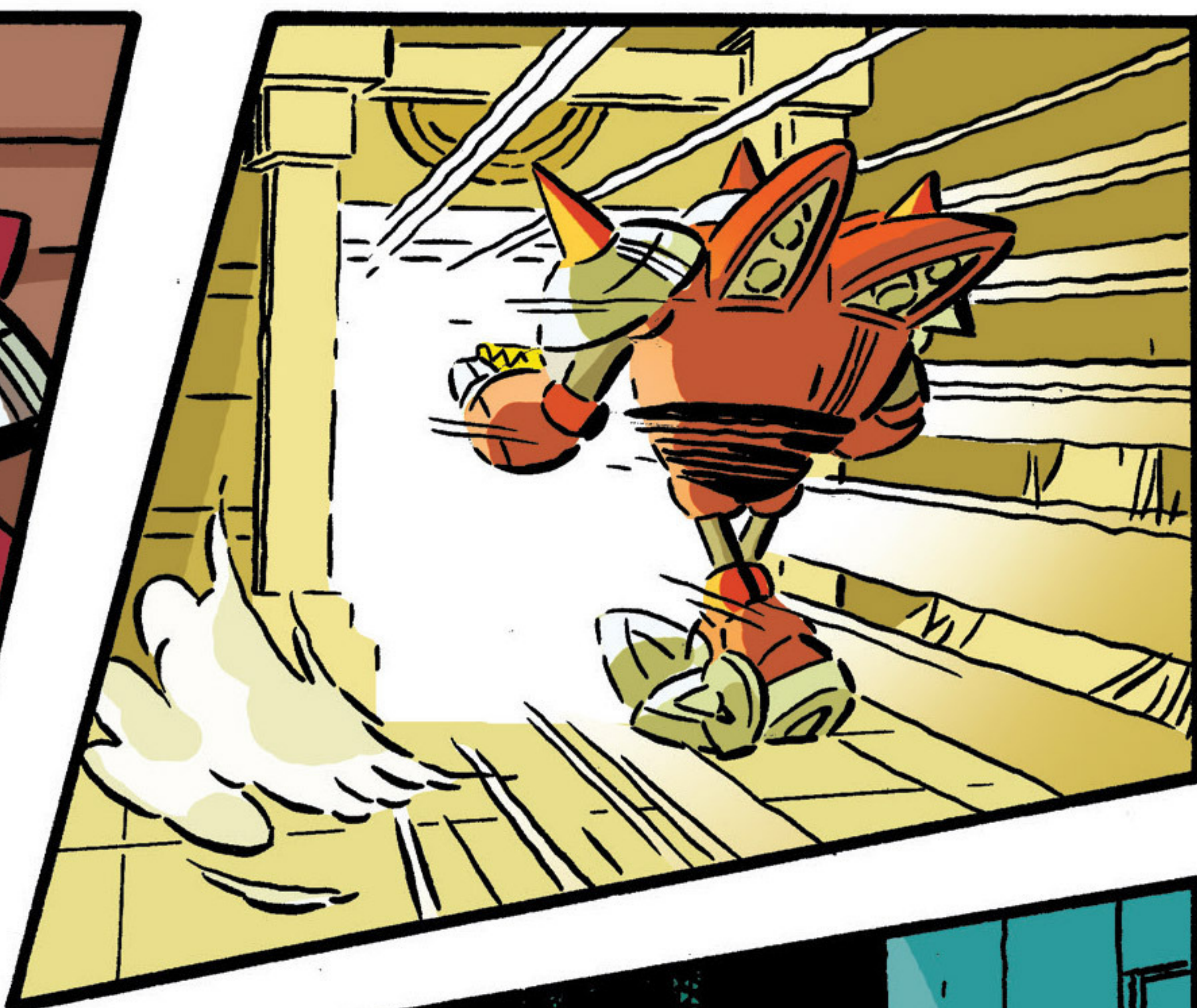
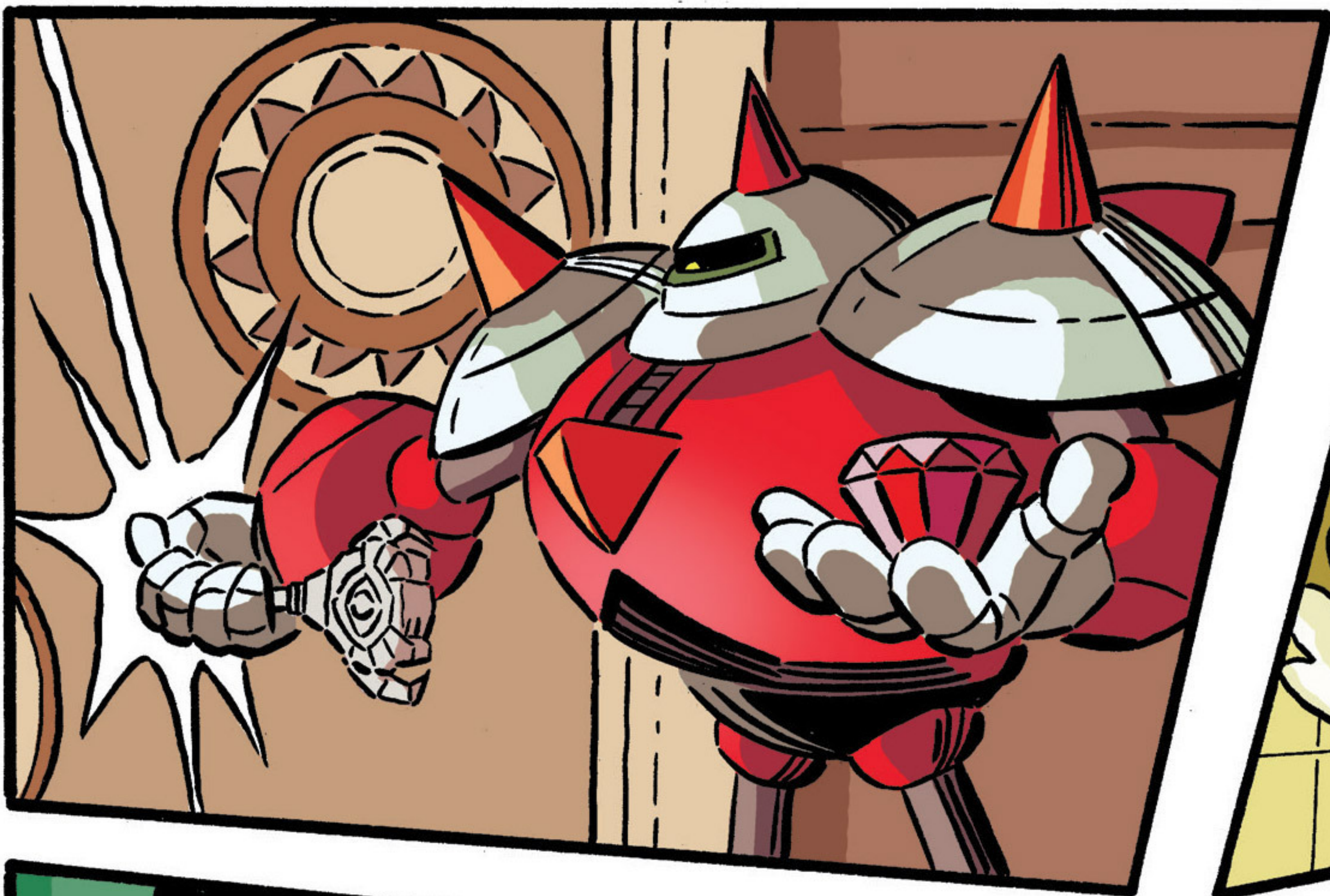


I GET THE DARK GAIA ENERGY! I KEEP THE WORLD SHATTERED AND OFF-BALANCE! I CONTROL ALL THE VARIABLES!

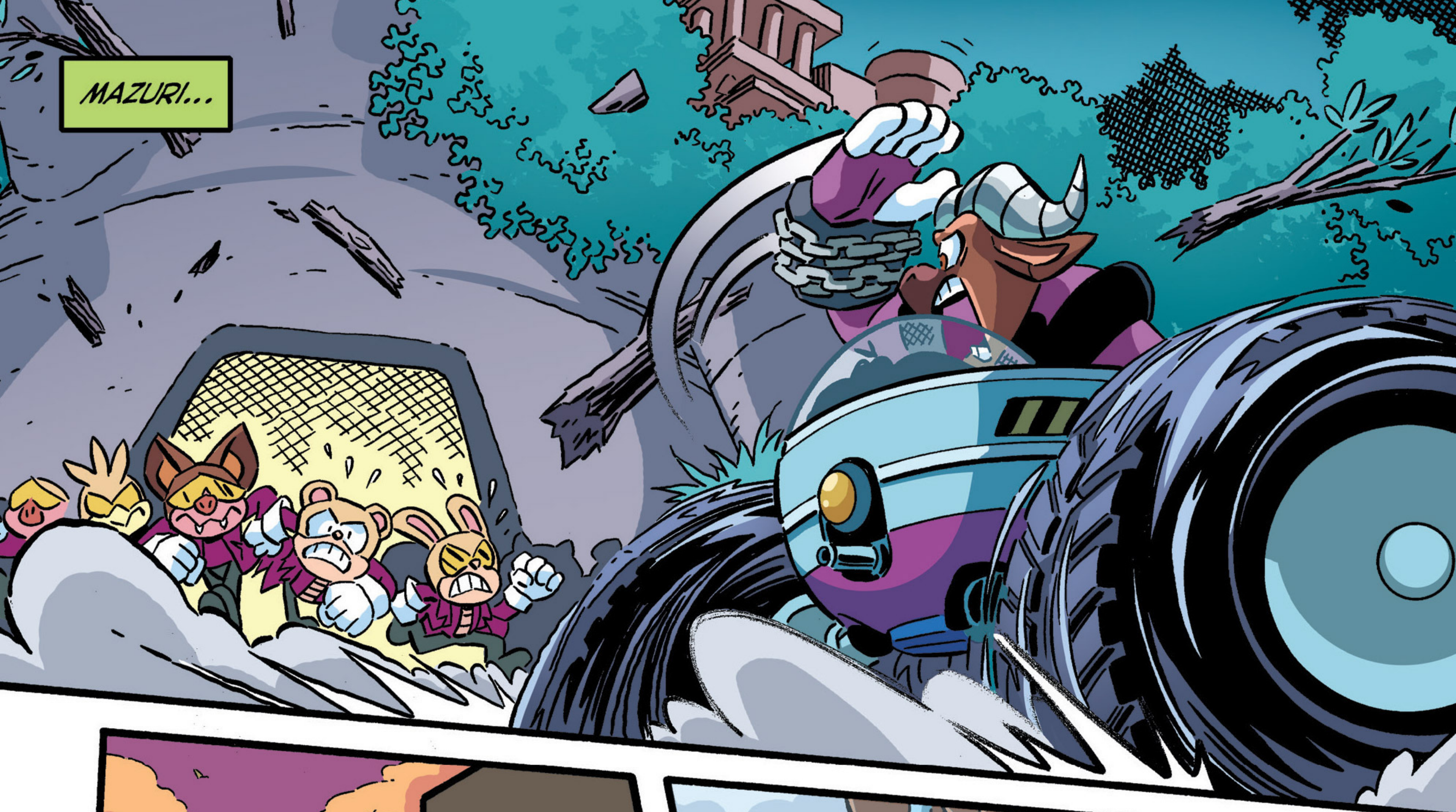
N-NO... I W-WON'T ...!

ALL THANKS TO *YOU*!

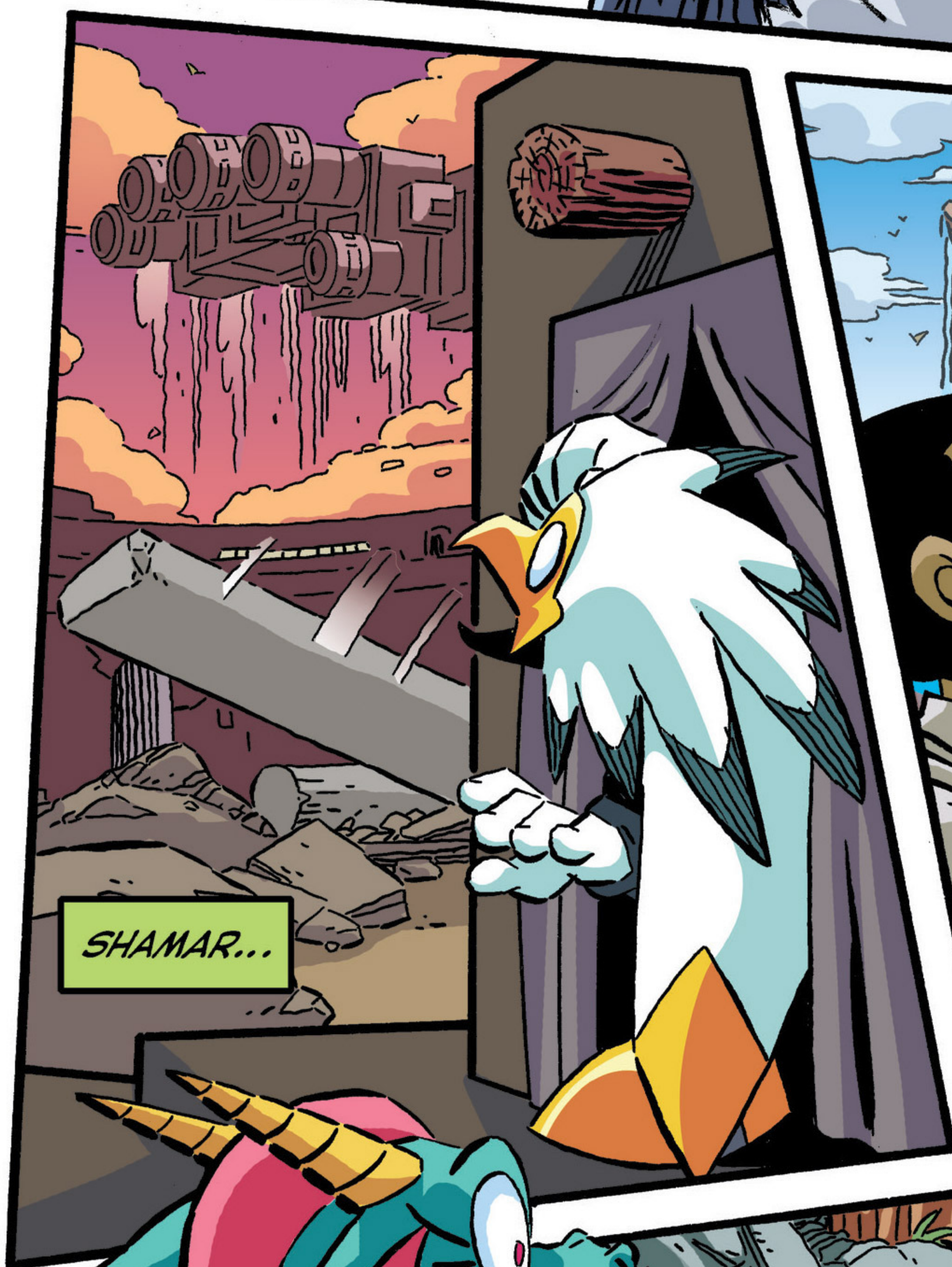
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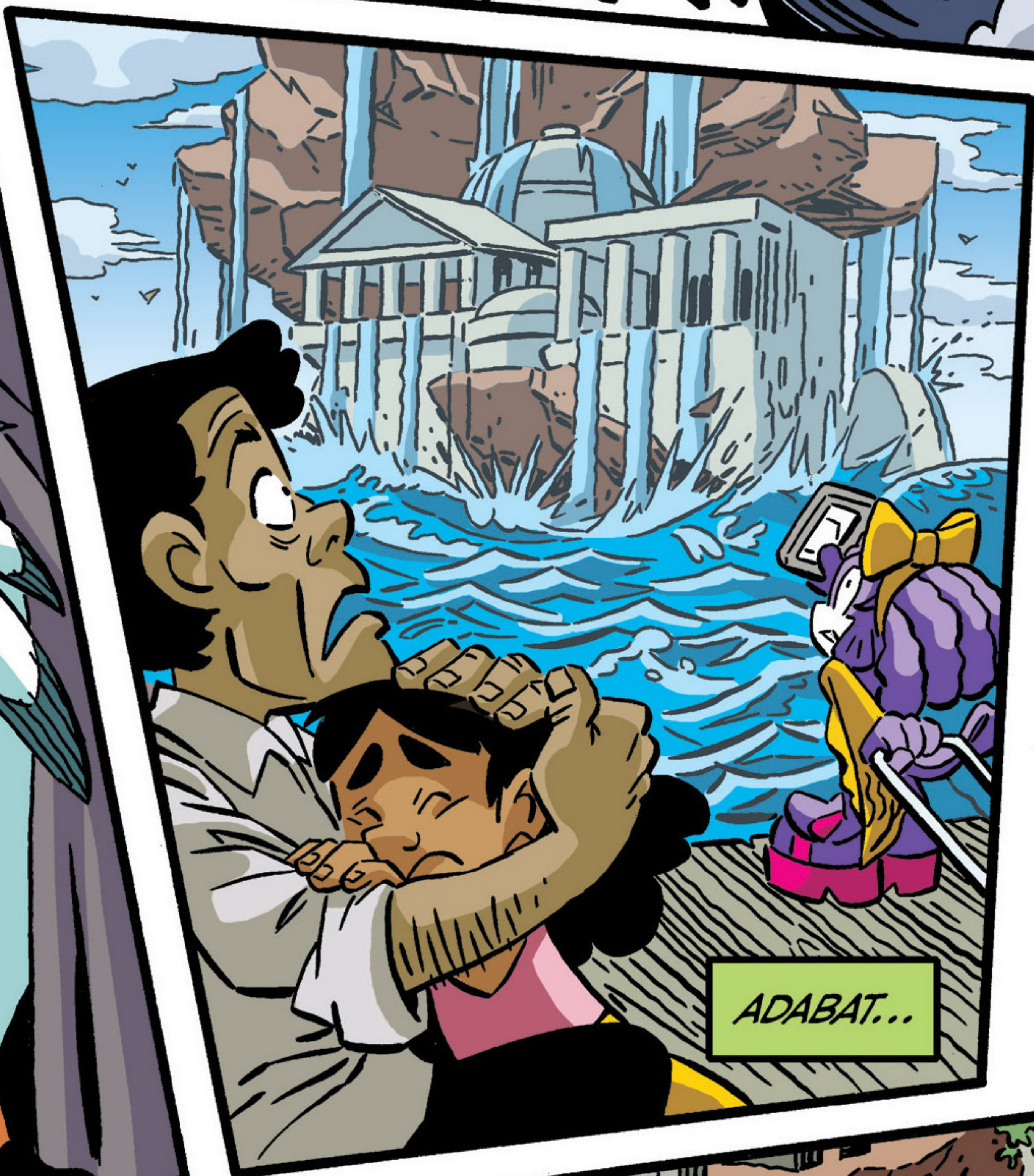
RRRUMBLE!!!



MAZURI...



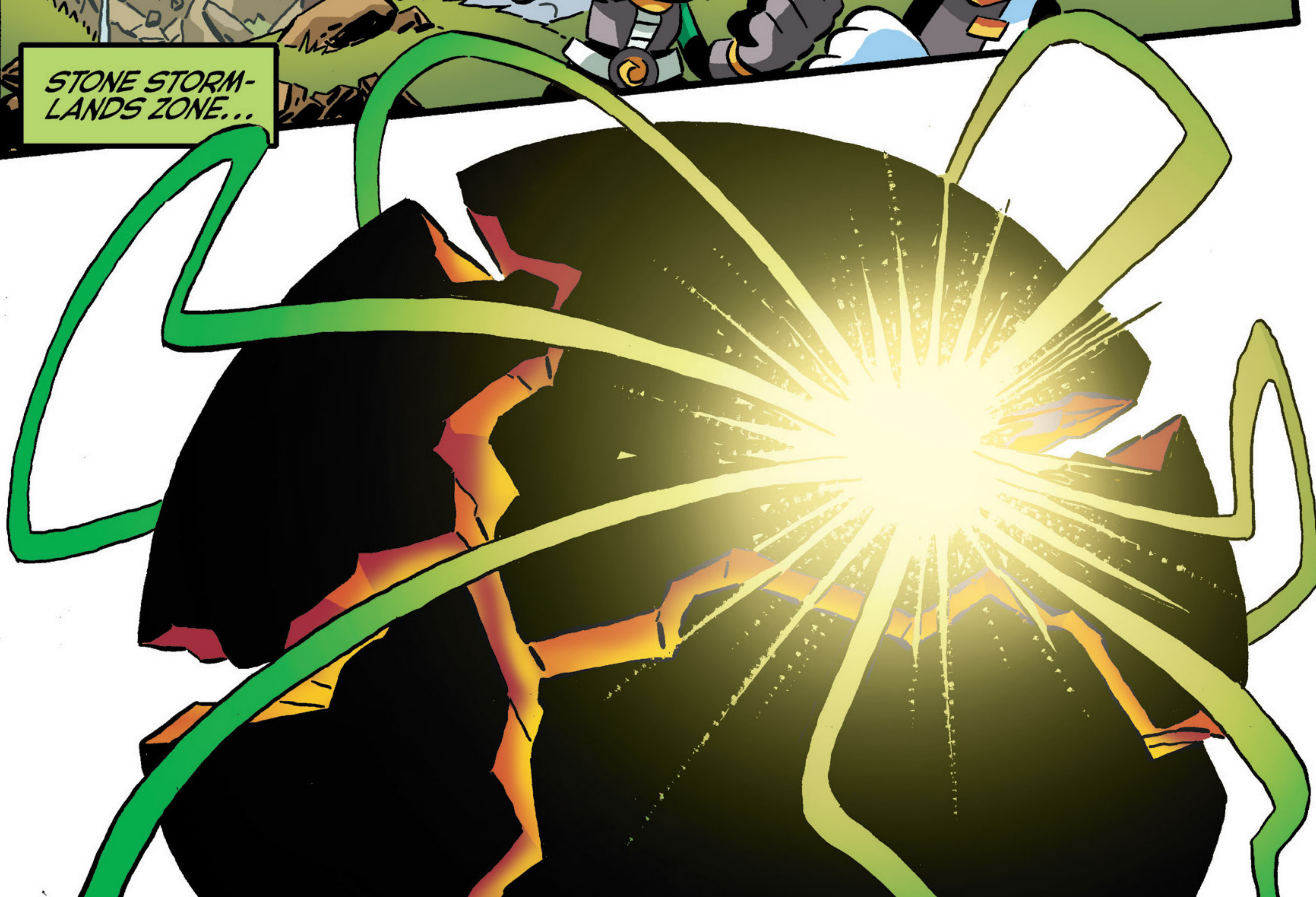
SHAMAR...



ADABAT...



CHUN-NAN...



BWA-HA-HA-HA!
WHEN THE GAIA
MANUSCRIPTS
SAID THE
EMERALDS AND
TEMPLES WOULD
SUMMON A "GAIA
COLOSSUS,"
I DIDN'T
THINK THEY'D
BECOME THE
THING!

THIS
WILL MAKE
CONTROLLING ALL
THE TEMPLES AT
ONCE A PIECE
OF CAKE!

S-STAY
AWAY...

YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHAT
TO DO, YOU LITTLE FLYING
CHIHUAHUA! METAL SONIC--
KEEP THIS PLACE SECURE!
I'M GOING TO CHECK IT OUT!

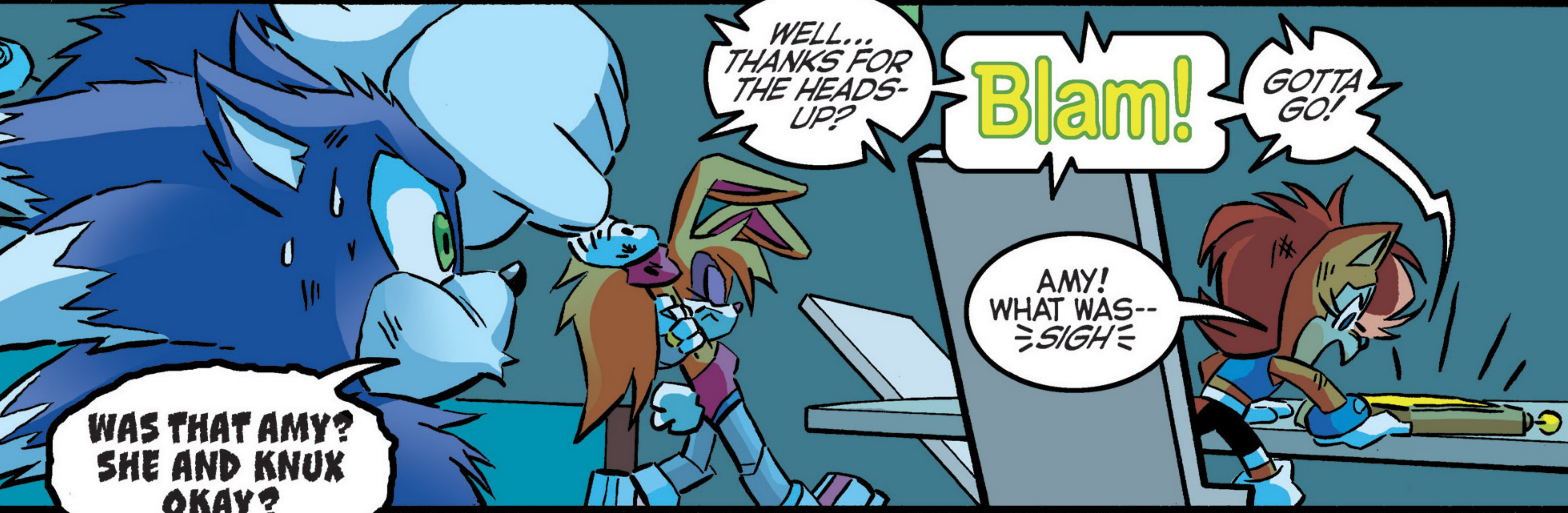
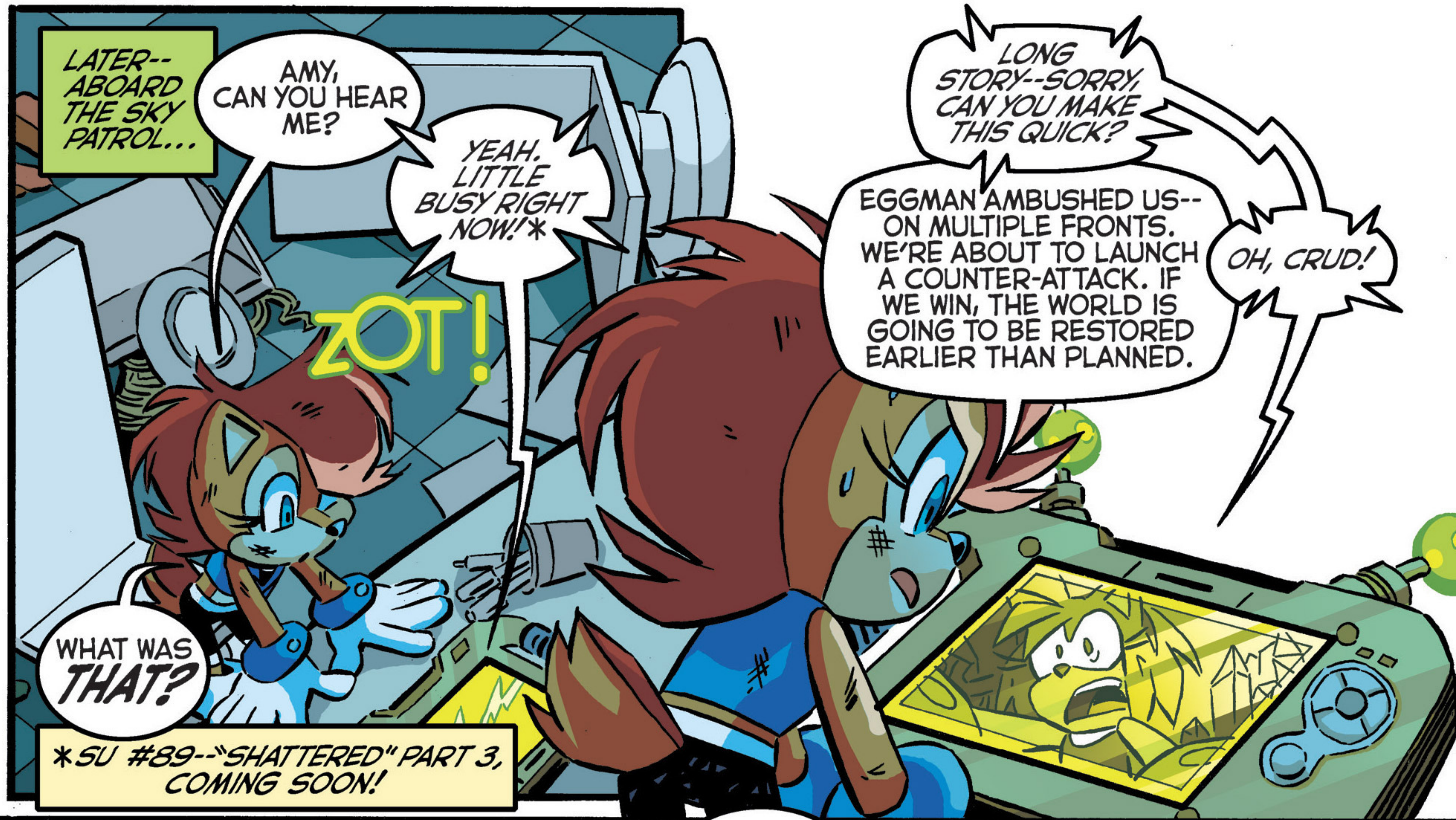
HMM...
A BIT RUSTIC,
BUT I CAN
APPRECIATE
THE CRAFTS-
MANSHIP!

EEE-HEE-HEE! NOW I
ALMOST *WANT* SONIC TO TRY
TO STOP ME! THEN I CAN
PUNCH HIM WITH A *TEMPLE!*

I'M *SUPPOSED*
TO USE IT TO STOP
DARK GAIA AND
RESTORE THE
WORLD!

WELL, NOT
ANYMORE! NOW THE
FATE OF THE WORLD
RESTS SOLELY IN MY
HANDS! LIGHT GAIA,
DARK GAIA--BOTH
NOW SERVE THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE!

HAHAHAHAHA!



I MANAGED TO DATA-MINE TAILS DOLL AND FOUND THAT DR. EGGMAN HAS BEEN GATHERING THE DARK GAIA ENERGY INTO ONE SPOT--A BASE CALLED "EGGMAN LAND."

HE PLANS TO RECHARGE THE DEATH EGG WITH THIS POWER. IF THAT HAPPENS, IT WILL BECOME UNSTOPPABLE.

G.U.N. HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE GAIA TEMPLES HAVE ALL...WELL, RISEN UP AND COMBINED INTO...*SOME-THING*. WHATEVER IT IS, IT SEEMS IT *AND* THE DEATH EGG ARE HEADING TO EGGMAN LAND.

WE HAVE THREE OBJECTIVES.

ONE: STOP THE DEATH EGG FROM REACHING ITS NEW POWER SOURCE.

TWO: BREAK EGGMAN'S CONTROL OF THE DARK GAIA ENERGY.

THREE: RESCUE CHIP AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE GAIA TEMPLES.

AH TAKE IT G.U.N. AIN'T BACKIN' US UP ON THIS ONE?

THEY DON'T HAVE ANY FLYING CARRIERS NEARBY.

THE CLOSEST ONE GOT TANGLED UP WITH THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA.

MAN, I HATE THE ARMADA.

LISTEN, EVERYONE--THIS IS IT. IF WE FAIL *ANY* OF THESE MISSIONS, EGGMAN WILL WIN CONTROL OF THE WORLD. HE'LL KEEP THE COUNTRIES DIVIDED. HE'LL USE THE DARK GAIA ENERGY TO POWER HIS ARMIES AND POISON THE PEOPLE.

I'VE NEVER WANTED TO ASK SO MUCH OF ANY OF YOU, BUT...

WE HAVE TO BE READY TO RISK IT ALL TO SAVE THE WORLD. I KNOW I'M ASKING A LOT...ASKING *EVERY-THING* OF YOU.

FIRST, WE NEED TO DELAY THE DEATH EGG.

"ROTOR, I NEED YOU
AND THE SKY PATROL TO
THROW EVERYTHING
YOU'VE GOT AT IT."

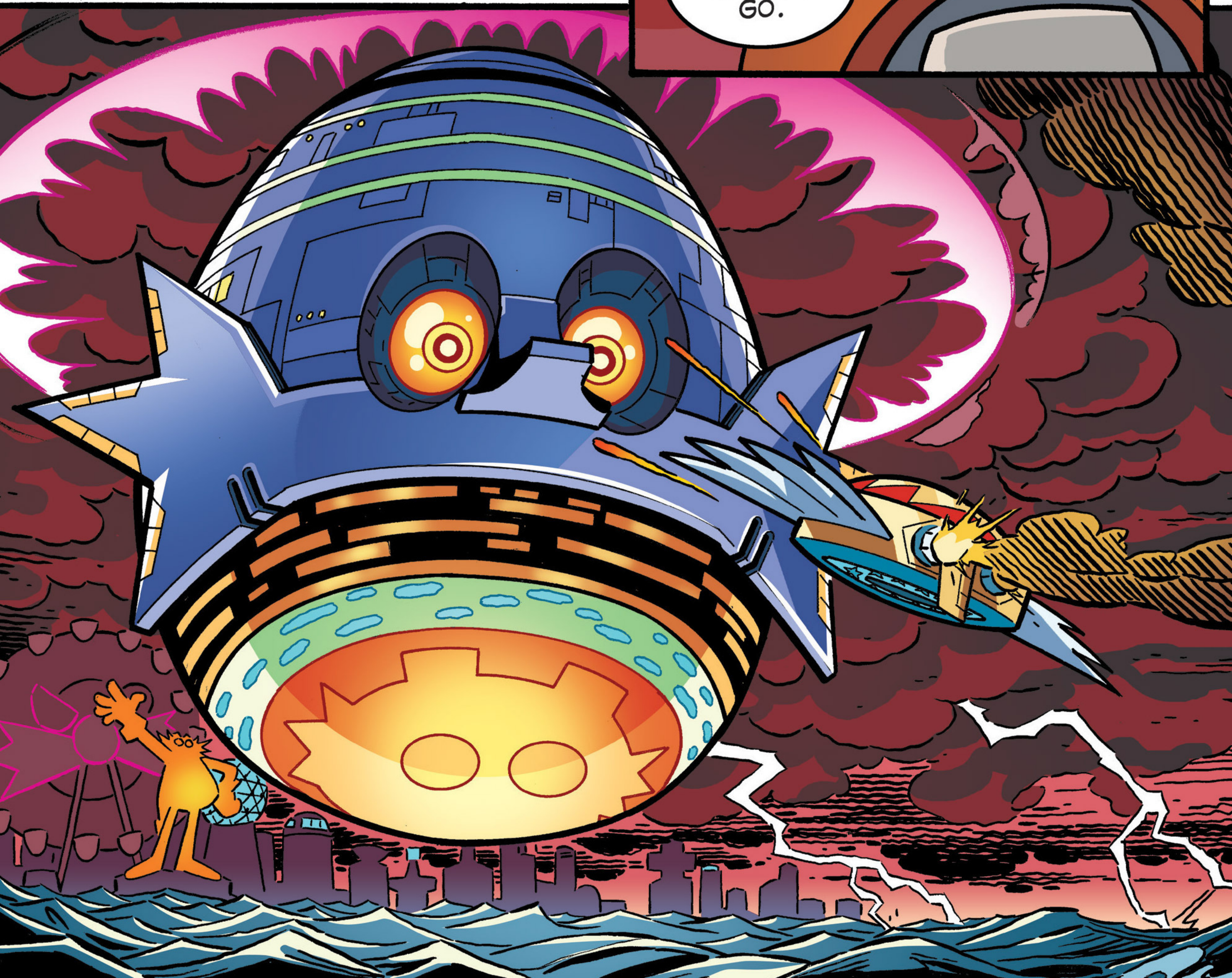
I ALWAYS WANTED AN
EXCUSE TO MANUALLY
PILOT THIS BABY. "BE
CAREFUL WHAT YOU
WISH FOR," I GUESS.

NICOLE?
YOU STILL THERE?
WE'RE FLYING
AGAINST THE
DEATH EGG ON
ONE ENGINE...

...AND IT'S ON
ITS LAST LEG. I'D
LIKE TO KNOW I'M
NOT ALONE RIGHT
NOW.

- 2nd Red Star Ring
in Reactor
- All Weapons Online
- Shields: 125%
- Aux. Power to Engine
- Let's Get Him

ALL
RIGHT, THEN.
HERE WE
GO.



"ANTOINE, BUNNIE, TAILS AND I WILL TRY TO RELEASE THE DARK GAIA ENERGY."

BOOM!

"I DON'T WANT TO UNLEASH IT ON THE WORLD AGAIN, BUT WE CANNOT LET EGGMAN CONTROL IT."

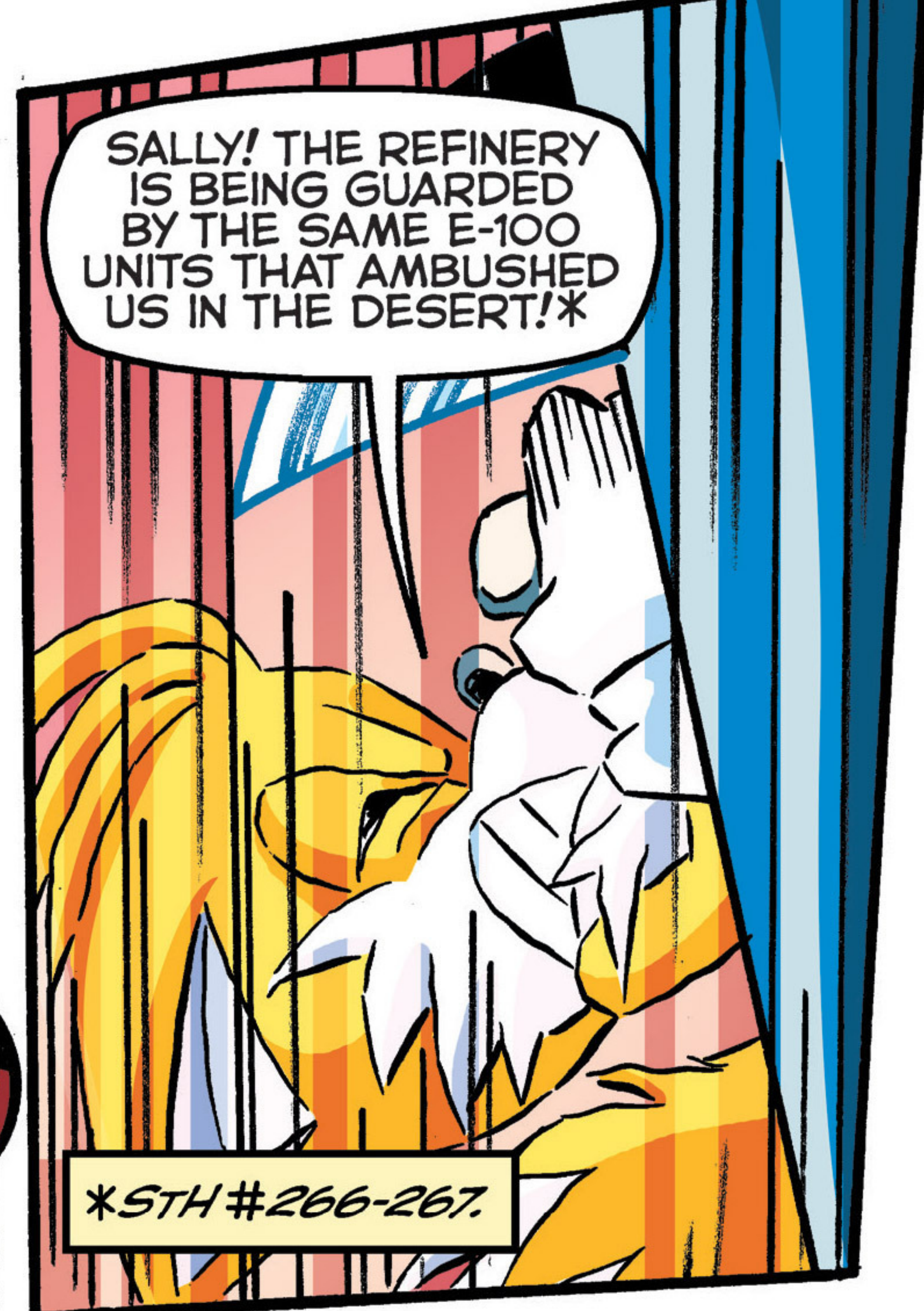
POW

BRACE YERSELVES!

ZUT ALORS! ZE BADNIKS ARE POWERED BY ZE DARK GAIA ENERGY!

WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL, ANYWAY! FOCUS ON HEADING FOR THE TOWER!

HOLD ON... THOSE ENERGY SIGNATURES LOOK LIKE...



"SONIC, YOU'RE GOING AFTER CHIP. STRIKE HARD, STRIKE FAST."

"AS IF I'D DO IT ANY OTHER WAY!"

SOMEHOW I KNEW THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA WOULDN'T FINISH YOU OFF, RODENT.

NO SUCH LUCK. EGGMAN!

RATTA-

SO I HAD ORBOT SEND OVER SOMETHING MORE SUITABLE FOR DEALING WITH MEDDLESOME HEDGEHOGS!

GOOD LUCK TRYING TO SWAT ME WITH YOUR GIANT TEMPLE-BOT!

HO-HO-HO! I TOYED WITH THE IDEA, BUT THE GAIA COLOSSUS IS FAR TOO CUMBERSOME FOR MY TASTES. BUT I CAN'T LET YOU REACH ITS HEAD!

TATTA-

TAT!



GET
A LOAD OF
THIS!

EGG DRAGON
ADVANCED
BATTLE ARMOR

PANIC *IN THE* SKY

PART TWO: FALLING INTO PLACE

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NEXT TIME: ALL-OUT WAR! SKY PATROL VS. DEATH EGG!
FREEDOM FIGHTERS VS. BADNIK HORDE! SONIC VS. EGGMAN!
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON EVEN MORE ACTION IN SONIC UNIVERSE,
THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

Letter from **the EDITOR**

Editorial commentary that emerged from the shadow of the colossus!

The heroes make their last stand!

What's up, Sonic readers? Actually, I'll tell ya what's up; Sonic and the Freedom

Fighters are about to engage in their final assault for the fate of the shattered world! (no pressure)

Prepare yourselves for a truly epic battle unlike anything we've seen before! Artist Diana Skelly has been doing an excellent job illustrating the high-energy and excitement of this story arc so far, check out some of her original pencil samples for this issue. Are these great or what?!

Well, that's all for now. See ya'll next time for part tres leches of "Panic in the Sky"!

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– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor

RIGHT:
Pencil
breakdown
sample by
artist
Diana Skelly.

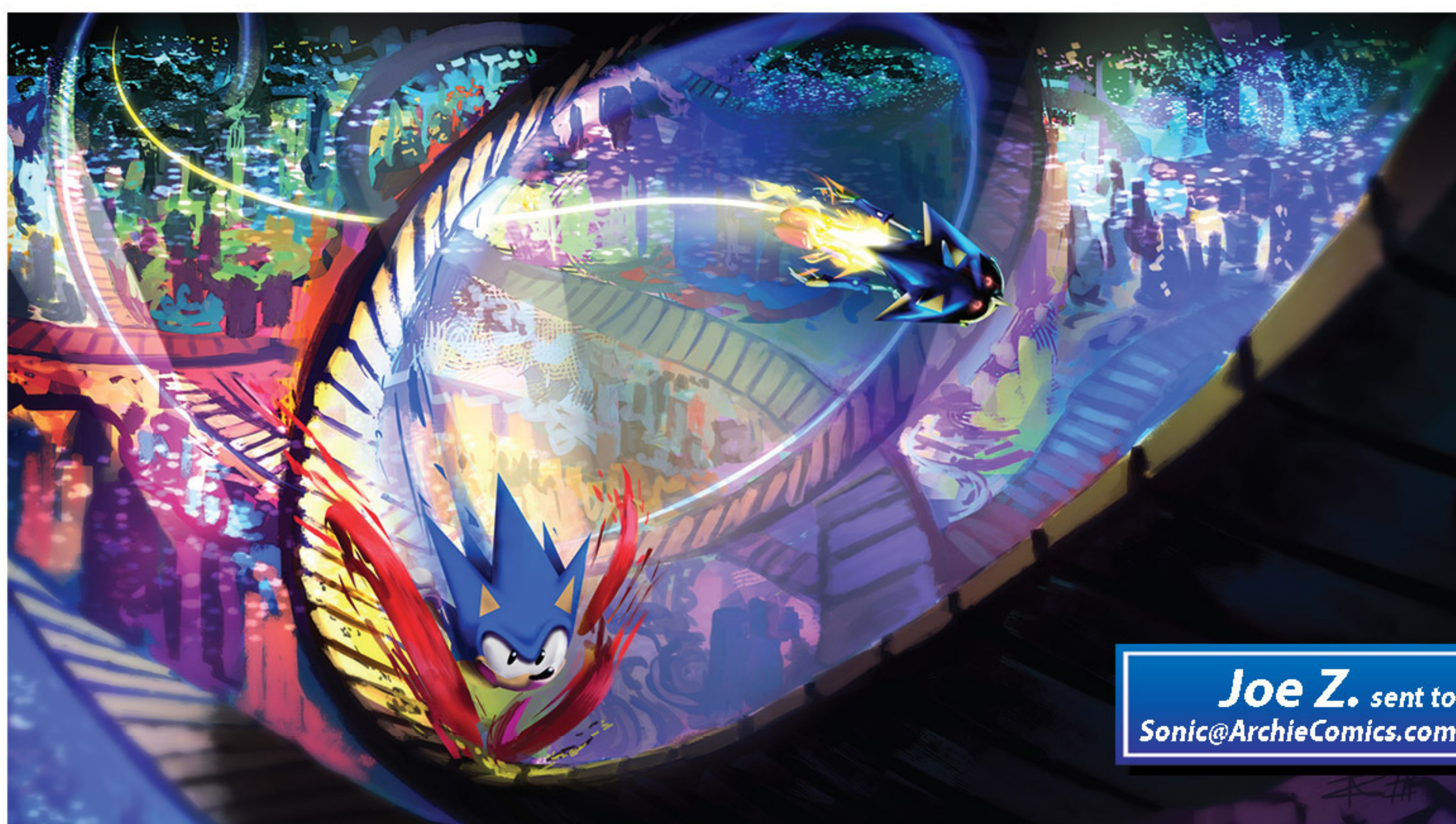


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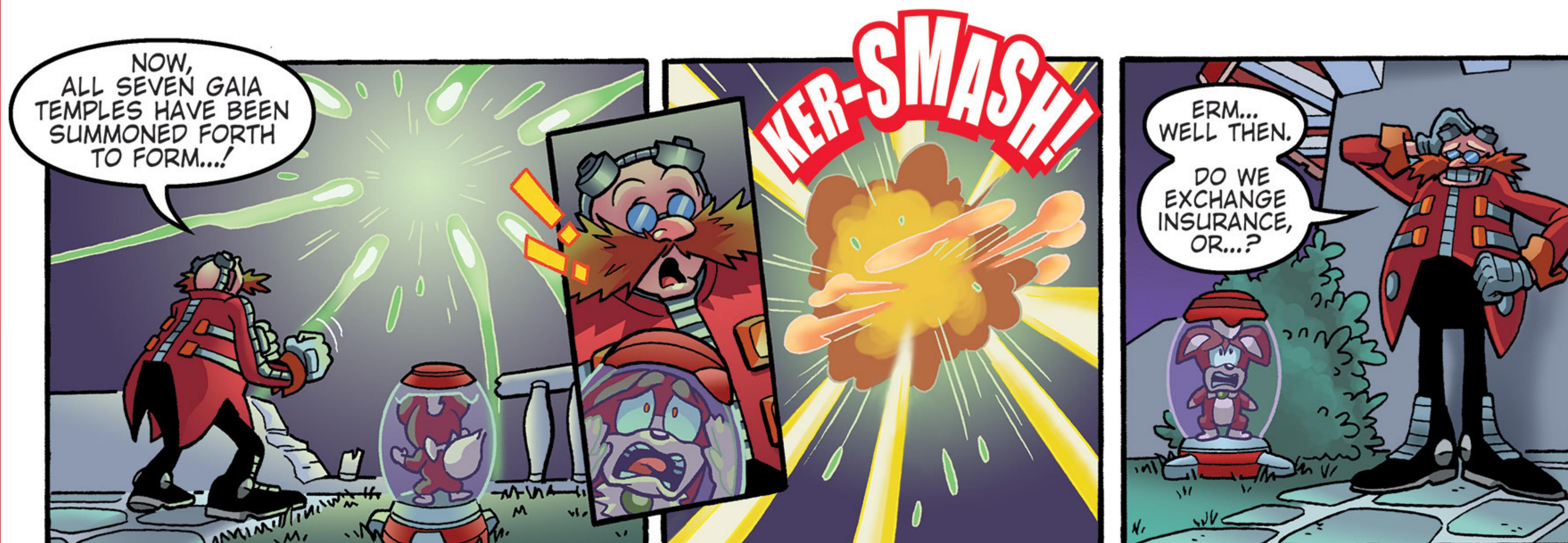
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